



Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: November 23rd, 2020

Start Time: 2:45 pm

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Roll Call

Chair: Shahnawaz Rafi

Shahnawaz Rafi	present
Christian Perez	present
Sandro Alvarez	present
Kamila Fernandez	absent
Nitya Ramalingam	present

DeMarcus Snipes	absent
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- **Open Forum**

- Sandro discusses the 2nd meeting requirement with Dean Gil and Dr. Kos
- The requirement is to meet twice each semester with your appropriate dean.
- Chairman Rafi will ask today.

- **Old Business**

1. **Progress of Memorial Initiative David R.**

- **Chairman Rafi left some critical comments based on the fundraising, financial limitations, and location ideas for his presentation.**

- **New Business**

1. **GAB Meeting Update**

- Rafi discusses that GAB is planning for April 6th through April 10th for GSAW week.
- Another proposal brought up in GAB regarding the community work conducted across the FIU institution.
- Keystone award for the anonymous process for the local community and discuss rubric at the next GAB meeting.
- Rafi discusses the use of monetary benefits along with certificates for students who are awarded the proposal.
- Universities may differ and this brings up the concerns of a not unified campus.
- There are ways to streamline the issue and one university at different locations.
- Universities tend to have different locations and thus it's difficult to have separate institutions for GSAW.
- Goodie bags being distributed for MMC and BBC should occur.
- We are fully aligned for that proposal and they feel a little discriminated against.
- Giveaways available from last years GSAW

- GSAW bags that are available from last year's giveaways: poster tubes, **water bottles**, **1700 poster tubes** approximately available.
- Stickers were ordered and things stored for possible giveaways.
- 3 weeks are needed for preparation and registering of students who would like to attend the event.
- We need to plan a date for the distribution and the event itself.
- Right now everything is just still driving through and start by February at that point to plan for individuals who can help out.
- The same external form at BBC and MMC.
- Posters and umbrellas are available at this point. And cards for office supplies along with **car stickers** and **computer stickers**.
- Teresa will send the report on umbrellas to michelle regarding the color and design of the umbrellas.
- Some of the umbrellas might've been given away at this point. Approximately 170 or so umbrellas possibly left for giveaways.
- Camera covers may be available.

2. GSAW Preparation

- Damarcus speaks regarding his preparations for the GSAW week.
- Presentation on his plan of action for GSAW
 1. Discusses the time for abstract submissions most likely for January or February
 2. He discusses the idea to publish the research in an FIU publication for accepted abstracts.
 3. Collaboration with GAB regarding mediation between FIU students and administrators.
 4. Leverage office hours per week of GSAW to help mentor students interested in applying to graduate school.
 5. Letters of appreciation to graduate students for their participation in GSAW.
 6. Proposes a Zoom lunch and learn to help show appreciation for the works being conducted in the graduate school for all students.
 7. Highlights of the graduate senators and what are their aspirations along with 5 things to know about them.
 8. Desserts with dean idea for individually wrapped desserts for students to pick up treats at the deans office.
 9. Free printing would be a great idea to add upon the week of GSAW.

10. Social media takeover would be a way to help promotion and awareness for the meeting.

11. Several conference aspects are available involved in poster and other presentations.

- A form of monetary awards where they use a form of oral presentation.
- GATHER website would be a location where you can upload the videos beforehand.
- The judges can come and observe the process to see what they believe is appropriate.
- The form should be either oral or poster presentations.
- Different topics and disciplines can be offered for different fields (breakout rooms)
- Oral presentations and students based on the facilitation of things offline.
- The candidates that would like to submit the abstracts can either choose an oral presentation or poster presentation.
- Damarcus recommends that we expedite the process by the discretion of us as a committee to decide.
- The national GSAW website showed an appreciation of graduate students and also a focus on the research of students.
- Once we receive the abstracts we could disseminate the information to all the judges with time for the future.
- Provide a week or two weeks based on the highlight of the graduate deadline.
- Chairman Rafi recommends that we finalize based on their abstracts and then submit their poster presentation.
- Pre-judge the abstracts based on a prior event date.
- Damarcus believes there is a good amount of professional judges that are present on campus to evaluate the presentations. Whether they be graduate students, postdoctoral students, and deans.
- Rafi states it's been very difficult over the past few years to find judges from faculty members.

- Damarcus believes this is a cross discipline topic where someone in stem may not be able to speak with a student member of communications.
- This may be an opportunity for students to present their research in a proposal format for the first time.
- A traffic area would represent an area that's inside and represents a very public area on campus.

3. Spring 2021 Preparation

- Discussed the agenda for January, and February
- Largely will be based on preparations for GSAW
- May have to replace Senator Snipes due to graduation issue

6) Announcements

Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 3:53 PM