



Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: November 30th, 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**

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- **Old Business**

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- **New Business**

1. **GSAW**

- Poster presentation would most likely be the best format to prepare for the GSAW forum.

- Day 1 will be the submission for poster presentation and the presentation will be for 3 to 5 minutes along with other further remarks.

- Damarcus also reached out to Rafi regarding any potential conflicts that could arise from planning the event.

- Damarcus recommends using Zoom for a waiting room method and a password protection for each judge so they have access to each folder.

- Participate certification for each winner and they shall receive prizes or be allowed to pick them up at the SGA office.

- Christian asks about the time limit to be extended to about seven minutes.

-Each day would be roughly an hour for each session and between 5 to 7 minutes would be more realistic for Nitya.

- Sandro states that the plan presented by Damarcus seems to be very good.

- From the top 10 the judges will cut it down to a top 5.

- Teresa asks what is the budget for the awards and how much money we should have to award to the students?

- Chairman Rafi states that he will talk with Michelle on Thursday to seek approval of the format from the UGS deans, etc.

- In terms of the past and compared to the situation with the virtual environment this year it would be wise to have the posters preloaded for judgement.

-Call for abstracts will be conducted in January or February for potential applicants.

- Rafi needs to figure out how much the budget will allow for the processing of awards.

- Teresa can provide the exact amounts and states that the top prize would be around \$150 for prospective winners.

- A potential plan to have an onedrive and a 5 to 7 minute window for students to ask questions.

- A total of 25 to 35 mins in total for student questions. A standard is good for an hour and a half.

- For day 2 the plan is to have goodie bags for graduate students to receive during GSAW week.

- Potential allocation bill could be provided for free printing bill for graduate students during that week.

- A potential graduate school mental health hour would be appropriate on the second day of graduate week.

- Mental health committee collaboration can work with the health & wellness department to establish a meditation/yoga hour during social day.
- Campus life conducts many activities and Teresa recommends that we speak with Campus Life for potential giveaways.
- She suggests that we use some of the prizes that are leftover from campus life for potential giveaways.
- Michelle can approach Stephanie Miller the director of the campus life outreach on campus.
- Graduate student giveaways for umbrellas was 3043 dollars with the total invoice still in Teresas records.
- We still have poster tubes, umbrellas, and stickers for giveaways for graduate students.
- Powerpoint presentation devices would be extremely helpful for graduate students and powerbanks.
- A powerbank in amazon currently is \$12
- We can use Amazon as a potential vendor for giveaways
- Potentially can order laserpointers from Ali express for Iclickers, chairman Rafi has ordered the laserpointer from Ali express.
- Chairman Rafi will send a picture of what we exactly want for the GSAW week.
- A potential new award for community service activities and it will allow for recognition of students to advance the cause of the FIU graduate student community.
- A sponsorship from a certain community donor and they will have to assign how the money can be spent.
- We will ask Michelle for this service award.
- Nitya supports the idea of naming the world after somebody and states it may be difficult for an organization to name the award. Dr. Kos may know of such students who we can name the award after.

## 2. Spring Preparation

- We will plan for next semester and go from there.

## 6) Announcements

Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 3:39 PM