



Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: June 22, 2020

Start Time: 4:00pm

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Chair: Shahnawaz Rafi

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

3. Open Forum

- Discussion regarding the use of SGA and GPSC logos for facemasks provided to graduate students
- Funds are currently frozen for purchases of the facemasks.

- Thoughts and deliberations from last Monday's meeting with past GPSC committee
 - Discussion over upcoming budget related concerns with Teresa
1. The budget is set at 300,000 dollars up to now and possible cuts can occur in the future.
 2. Possible allocation of funds for certain events, summer orientation and other events of interest.
 3. GPSC has an account on PantherConnect, must send an email to Angel Algrin for purchase request
 4. What should we do for transfer of power to Sandro for budget access on PantherConnect? Teresa will let us know over an email with the proper steps.
 5. Sandro speaks mentioning the PantherConnect account that can be divided by categories.
 6. Teresa is showing the master log and excel spreadsheet for the allocation of funds in the budget.
 7. Line items in white are canceled items due to coronavirus, light-blue are students that didn't go to the conference (five students). Yellow represents students that were rejected. Orange represents students that had been funded.
 8. Chairman Rafi asks Teresa do we have a specific amount that we funded students over the past year?
 9. In the summer 61,000 was allocated, Fall 82,000, and Spring 112,000 with a travel total of 255,000 over last fiscal year
 10. Funds are frozen until July 6th
 11. The maximum amount of expenses we can share for graduate international students is set until July 31st.
 12. Nitya explains a document was sent to medical students that states they are no longer funding conferences for conferences that are now virtual due to coronavirus. Even if they present at these conferences.
 13. Teresa says that they are accepting only if you are presenting and that no funds are given just for professional development.
 14. Nitya will forward the email she received to the committee and Teresa will forward an email regarding this to the committee as well.
 15. Chairman Rafi asks if there is a specific deadline for the funds that will be given post Covid-19
 16. We can discuss the budget and redistribute the budget as the committee sees fit.
 17. What was the basis for the budget in the past GPSC committee? They used the year's expenditure according to Teresa.

18. Nitya shares her screen showing the budget breakdown for the last GPSC committee
19. Can we advertise the available allotment of funds for graduate students?
Chairman Rafi asks Nitya. She says yes.

4. Old Business

- Reviewal of assigned graduate senator positions in the GPSC committee

5. New Business

- Orientation Flyer for GPSC to summarize GPSC services to include in the orientation packet.
 1. The requirement for the orientation flyer is July 24th, but Rafi explains that July 10th would be best.
 2. The flyer will be made for incoming graduate students.
 3. Teresa explains that she could help.
- 10 Minute Window presentation & discussion at student orientation

1. Chairman Rafi is sharing step by step the presentation
2. Teresa explains that a simplified presentation may be more helpful
3. Chairman Rafi explains that the presentation is difficult with 32 slides
4. Teresa explains that **specific details** would be most helpful for the presentation
5. Teresa explains that much of the information requires revision from last years GPSC presentation

6. Concise slides and a few slides for the presentation

- OPT letter and consideration of the GPSC committee in signing the letter
 1. Senator Rafi moves to vote on OPT letter, 3 yays and 0 nays, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.
- Creation of events and completion of 2020-2021 GPSC academic calendar
- Chairman Rafi moves to vote on weekly meeting for GPSC in the fall semester, Perez seconds
- 3 yays and 0 nays. 0 abstentions

- Revise the 10 minute presentation powerpoint for the entire GPSC committee

6. Announcements

- Sandro asks for clarification of the finance committee liaison role

1. Michelle will be asked about the finance liaison role in the committee.
2. Sandro will email her directly.
 - First the master log from the last two years will be reviewed before any final decision is made on the budget.
 - Teresa will inform us on the professional development question posed by Nitya earlier in the meeting.
 - Possible verbal statement based on university policies in regards to COVID-19 response.

Adjournment

Chairman Rafi adjourns meeting at 4:57 PM