



Student Government Association

Student Government Council – Modesto A. Maidique Campus

GPSC Committee

Meeting Date: July 6th, 2020

**Start Time: 4:00pm**

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Roll Call

*Chair:*

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| Shahnawaz Rafi   | present |
| Christian Perez  | present |
| Sandro Alvarez   | present |
| Kamila Fernandez | present |
| Nitya Ramalingam | present |
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3. Open Forum

- Review of Sandro's bill for graduate senator qualifications
  1. Sandro is presenting a bill to amend qualifications for graduate senator positions.
  2. Michelle states that a constitution can only be amended through a referendum.
  3. Amendments of anything over the statutes and this can be brought up in a University Wide congress.
  4. You need to follow the documents and make sure amendments are defined by the status within the university.
  5. The bill can still be shared with the senate for their considerations.
  6. Sandro describes the sections that he has added including the addition of maintenance of three credit hours or 3 dissertation credits.
  7. Idea behind the bill was to involve graduate students who would like to be involved in GPSC but cannot due to other obligations. Provides more consideration for graduate work obligations.
  8. For fall and spring semester Dr. Castro explains that it was changed a year ago regarding the rules for graduate student senators.
  9. All the programs and universities have different language regarding requirements for Masters and PhD students.
  10. University changes its definition for what's full time and now with the remote learning aspect we do not want to alienate students.
  11. Why are graduate students required to have a full time definition? Because terms were established by graduate school.
  12. We shall wait until searching the UGS website.
  
- Review of TA orientation PowerPoint presentation

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#### 4. Old Business

- TA Orientation Package: Progress
  1. Nitya completed the flyer on the google drive page.
  2. Nitya presents the first page and second page.
  3. The version of the logo that was used was the latest.

4. Do we have to comply with the two weeks notice for the publication team to receive a flyer?

- Orientation Flyer for GPSC to include in the orientation packet

1. Any flyer for an event can be reviewed by JP for his design (publications team).
2. Nitya asks if she can send the flyer for review for JP and asks if it can be stylized.
3. Dr. Castro says we can provide a template based on what we would like the orientation flyer to appear as.
4. The publications link will be put into the chat for GPSC.

## 5. New Business

- Budget Review: Allocation Decision
  1. Are numbers going to be set for budget items?
  2. Yes the committee sets the amounts for budget items for each year.
  3. Ratio varies from 82 % to 86 %.
  4. Gradsellar amounts and GSAW can be changed according to the year's responsibilities.
  5. Teresa explains that most of the budget is ready so no need to allocate the funds there.
  6. What are the criteria for the miscellaneous category? Represents items that can be rollovers, any random items that can be used for GPSC events, a balance to make sure we don't go over our budget.
  7. Teresa explains that due to the summer semester being mostly done the money for summer is too much.
  8. The amount of interchangeable items.
  9. The virtual conferences will be considered travel.
  10. The latest will be a broad category.
  11. Virtual looks as domestic travel and if you want to allocate 400 in the fall for virtual travel.
  12. Due to the reduction in A & S fees we must consider the reduction of funds for potential travel considerations.
  13. A possible 25% cut due to the considerations of A&S fees.
  14. Money that is left over will not rollover.

15. Sylvana in the budget committee explained by the third week of July GPSC will have a better idea of exactly the budget for GPSC.
- SOP Amendment: Hotel night stay amount finalization
    1. Nitya provides an explanation regarding the increase in accommodation allocation.
    2. Students aren't able to utilize the airfare portion of the funding and our limited.
    3. The maximum amount of hotel accommodations were pitched but the vote was against this raise in the funding package.
    4. GPSC decided to wait for the new committee to make a decision on this amendment.
    5. Teresa explains that it's pointless to increase the hotel accommodation due to lack of a budget currently. Another avenue for rewriting the rules in the SOP will be not to increase the amount but instead use the expenses in another way. For example, if you're not using air travel funds you can use it for accommodation instead.
    6. The funding is still uncertain currently but can be reviewed by the end of July.
    7. Two weeks following the end of July we have time to decide budget allocations.
    8. After we receive the budget we will make a decision.
  - SOP Amendment: COVID-19 pandemic context additions
    1. Chairman Rafi explains the addition of Pandemic funding guidelines for the GPSC SOP.
    2. Nitya explains that the committee reserves the right to adjust the SOP according to what the GPSC committee is doing.
    3. Teresa explains that they can still contact her over email in case they need further clarifications.
    4. Our plans are virtually that they can advertise said committee meetings and also means virtually also can be informational.
    5. No large meeting spaces on campus do not allow for in-person meetings etc.
    6. Kamila mentions a change to the word centers for CDC title.
  - 10 Minute Window presentation & discussion at student orientation
    1. TA orientation is August 18th and the ten minute window is from 12:40 to 12:50 PM.

2. TA orientation powerpoint can include a section for the introduction of the students.

6. Announcements

- I. No space on campus for CDC guidelines to be followed explains events coordinator Kamila.
- II. Kamila asks if it's better to plan virtual events to the committee.
- III. Chairman Rafi and Teresa suggest contacting other universities for graduate students' plans for virtual events.
- IV. Teresa will send an email from the FSU GPSC coordinator, how is it they are working and how are they calculating the funds now.
- V. Teresa did research on the A&S fees for graduate programs using specific universities for a coordinator of funds.
- VI. OPT letter that we had signed can provide us names for GPSC leaders in other universities to hear how they are responding to the pandemic.
- VII. Teresa would like to put samples that would be the requirements for the powerpoint (TA orientation).
- VIII. Airline ticket quote sample would be well received and a registration fee table can also be added.
- IX. Teresa would like to view the flyer from Nitya.
- X. Nitya submitted the flyer application for the JP in publications.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM