



Student Government
Association

Graduate Professional & Student Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 11, 2022

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 2:03 PM

II. Roll Call

| Name | Position | Present/Absent | Required Attendance |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Haley Dawson | Title/ Chair | Present | Yes |
| Mordia "MJ" Johnson | Title/ Vice Chair | Present | Yes |
| Ahmed Samir Abdelmenen Soliman | GSAW Coordinator | Absent | Yes |
| Arturo Barahona | Appropriations Committee Liaison | Present | Yes |
| Cole Sebastian | N/A | Absent | Yes |
| Nick Kukuk | Events Coordinator | Present | Yes |
| Shebin George | Public Relations Coordinator | Present | Yes |
| Larissa Adames | Advisor | Present | |
| Teresa Amador | Coordinator | Present | |
| Quorum is Established | | 5 Present 2 Absent | |

III. Unfinished Business

- a. Physics Conference

- i. Update From Larissa

No answer yet, we will have an answer via email in a day or two

- b. Gradskeller

- i. Prior events from Teresa or Larissa

1. Any event we want to have to promote GPSC
2. Teresa will send the flyers and receipts of previous expenses



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IV. New Business

- a. Funding to Review – Teresa
 - i. There is nothing new, still reviewing all the applications if anything comes up we will be notified.
- b. GPSC Materials Update - Haley and Ahmed
 - i. Want to make charts for each college to state how they would apply for funding. Bonus future goal for each program
- c. Tax Event Update
 - i. Legislation or funding if we open it to all students?
 - ii. Auturo and Nick are still figuring out a tax event with the IRS
 - iii. Someone to come and talk with students, walk them through the process or have a more educational session
- d. Raising student stipends, what can we do? (Auturo)
 - i. Where can we get the money from?
 - ii. Do undergraduates get more than Graduate students why is that the case? Also, how can Graduate Students get more money allocated to them
 - iii. Are we able to reallocate the money?
 - iv. Graduate students need help, who can we turn to for help and how do we go about doing that? Can we meet with Dean for guidance?
 - v. Think about presenting a solid case with data and testimonials, perhaps that will help
 - vi. Decide on whether to have a forum where graduate students voice their opinions or send out surveys
- e. Increasing the expected financial output to maximize FIU's student support (Nick)
 - i. raising students' awareness of GPSC
 1. More emphasis on raising students' awareness of GPSC – let them be aware that GPSC provides funding for conferences and professional training
 2. Hosting events and advertising what GPSC does at these events
 - ii. increasing financial support
 - iii. allowing multiple applications throughout the year

V. Reports

- a. Senate Leadership
 - i. No Report

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- b. Committee
 - i. No Report
- c. Advisor
 - i. Once she meets with Michelle we will be updated
- VI. Announcements
 - i. No Announcements
- VII. Meeting Adjournment
 - i. Meeting Adjourned at 3:25 PM