



Student Government  
Association

Graduate Professional & Student Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2022

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 2:04 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	Present	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	Absent	Yes
Larissa Adames	Advisor	Present	
Teresa Amador	Coordinator	Absent	
		5 Present 2 Absent	

III. Unfinished Business

- a. Physics Conference

- i. Will reserve a room in the Summer for both FIU students and people from other schools as long as they adhere to rules.

IV. New Business

- a. Conversations with UGS: Claudia Balzan, Assitant Director of Academic Support  
<https://fiudit.sharepoint.com/:w/s/GPSC/EYmCUM5z7UhBtQIk-TkG7WcB-fldSCQnlUGtgZcC1GUUDQ?e=bljZoY>

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- i. Questions about contracts can be forwarded to Betty Sigler, she is the best person to answer any questions regarding graduate assistantships
    - ii. The level of the stipend is determined by the college specifically not UGS
    - iii. There will be a 5% bonus for graduate assistantship/fellowship in the spring and then in the fall there will be a 10% increase
    - iv. Offering subsidized on-campus housing to help offset some of the cost – hoping for more additional housing units for students next year
    - v. Can there be a GAB sub-committee or a GAB based on each college/department? That way we can create a direct line between the student body and UGS
    - vi. Looking to implement regular coffee hours next semester – graduate students can ask questions or voice their concerns there
    - vii. There is also a UGS breakfast this Friday
    - viii. They will create a wish box so that students can provide ideas or feedback
  - b. Thanksgiving “Donu’t You Know About GPSC?” (MJ and Haley)
    - i. Monday, Nov. 21st from 1pm - 3pm in the SGA Office – PLEASE JOIN IF YOU CAN! (If you are unable to attend, please inform the chair or vice chair beforehand)
  - c. Tax Event Updates (Nick, Auturo, Shebin) - No New Report
  - d. GSAW - Budget
    - i. Dean Kos would like us to provide a budget for GSAW
    - ii. Claudia would like an outline of what GSAW will look like for next year
    - iii. How can GAB help GPSC in the planning?
    - iv. How soon can we start working together?
- V. Reports
  - a. Senate Leadership – No Report
  - b. Committee – No Report
  - c. Advisor – No Report
- VI. Announcements – No Announcements
- VII. Meeting Adjournment @ 3:30pm