



## Graduate & Professional Student Committee Agenda

Date: January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Haley Dawson Present

Arturo Barahona Present

Ahmed Soliman Present

Nick Kukuk Present

Cole Sebastian Absent

Shebin George Absent

Larissa Adames Present

Teresa Amador Present

III. Unfinished Business

IV. New Business

a. Funding to Review – Teresa

i. Allocated: \$52,268 (\$70,000 was estimated)

1. Expensed: \$38,310

2. Remaining: \$13,958

a. This is from travel liaison that hasn't submitted TA form

ii. This is low when compared to pre-pandemic years

iii. Number of applications in pre-pandemic years:

1. '17-'18:

a. Summer: 93

b. Fall: 158

c. Spring: 205

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2. '18-'19
    - a. Summer: 90
    - b. Fall: 134
    - c. Spring: 253
  3. '19-'20
    - a. Summer: 114
    - b. Fall: 166
    - c. Spring: 160 – stopped receiving applications in March (COVID)
- b. Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- i. [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bU2\\_v-Qz\\_L0NUdJiz7udJM6StKz-ZfeG2CUDHeBJWr4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bU2_v-Qz_L0NUdJiz7udJM6StKz-ZfeG2CUDHeBJWr4/edit?usp=sharing)
  - ii. UGS will coordinate Scholarly Forum, but GPSC needs to provide funds for the room reservation and awards
  - iii. Larissa suggested replacing 8<sup>th</sup> Street meal with Food Vouchers
  - iv. Ahmed suggested adding a Salty Donuts and Cafecito event at EC
  - v. Teresa found lunch boxes that we could possibly provide on goodie bags
  - vi. Budget for Excellence Awards (Oral and Poster Presentations)
    1. 18-19: \$3,800
    2. 19-20: \$4,320 (19 students that got awards)
    3. 20-21: \$2,650 (9 students that got awards)
    4. 21-22: \$4,500
- c. Increasing lodging for GPSC Funding
- i. Discussion and possible vote
    1. We discussed removing the cap on the amount of money that can be requested for lodging.
      - a. This is based on feedback we received from students last semester.
      - b. Larissa pointed out that we have to make sure we update the change on the website and video.
      - c. Teresa states GPSC cannot afford to give everyone who applies for funding the full \$650 for domestic travel. She suggests we wait for the full year to have a better idea of how things changed after the pandemic.

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- d. Larissa also pointed out that we do not have an official budget for next year.
    - d. Bi-weekly GPSC coffee hour?
      - i. Partner with GAB?
      - ii. Nick pitched the idea to host a bi-weekly or monthly coffee hour that gives students a platform to learn about GPSC and share any thoughts or concerns
      - iii. The idea was well received. Everyone thinks it's a great idea to connect with students and maybe collaborate with GAB.
      - iv. Larissa suggested buying pods. It would be cheaper than catering and we'll be less likely to waste anything, since we don't know how many people will attend.
      - v. Can also turn it into a study hour, where anyone can show up and study together or share ideas on projects.
      - vi. Nick will schedule the dates.
        - 1. First one will be February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3p-4p
        - 2. Second one will be March 9<sup>th</sup> @ 3p-4p
      - vii. Important to avoid conflicting times with GAB's coffee hour.
        - 1. 1/27, 2p-3p
        - 2. 2/23, 4p-5p
        - 3. 3/24, 2p-3p
        - 4. 4/13, 4p-5p
    - e. Plans for the semester
      - i. Tax event?
      - ii. Arturo and Nick contact with Zoraya. Unsure if we'll be able to coordinate event.
- V. Reports
  - a. Senate Leadership
  - b. Committee
  - c. Advisor
- VI. Announcements
- VII. Meeting Adjournment