

Graduate & Professional Student Committee Agenda

Date: June 30th, 2023

Meeting minutes (taken by Sarwar)

Meeting starts at 4:00 pm

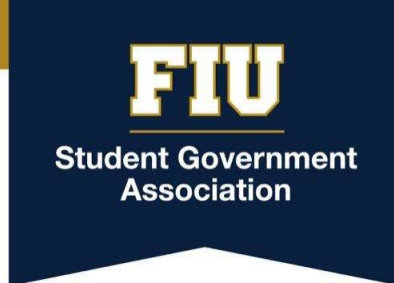
Call to Order

I. Roll Call

- **Haley Dawson**
- **Sarwar Minar**
- **Hossam Hussein**
- **Alejandro Arzola**
- **Ciara Jeneske**
- **Larissa Adames**
- **Ahmed Soliman (4:05)**
- **Kanayo Nomeh (4:10)**
- **Teresa Amador (3:40)**

II. Unfinished Business

- a. Working with Teresa to train GPSC members in funding approvals
 - i. Haley and Sarwar will meet Teresa.
- b. Budget Allocation for this year-updates and plans
 - i. We will notify students through the website.
 - ii. Change what we will have for funding?
 - 1. We will talk to the student leadership if we could increase or consider the following:
 - a. decrease total amount to \$500 (from \$650)
 - b. increase the 200K budget
 - iii. Streamline the web forum for application.
- c. Overhaul GPSC Website (out of date)
 - i. Sarwar, Public Relations Coordinator, will coordinate this. Other senators may come up with ideas on how to improve it.
- d. GSAW Events



- i. As agreed, each member will be responsible for coordinating and leading a GSAW event, everyone will think about their issues of their interest, which can be new or something we did in the past.
- ii. Coordinate with GSAW Coordinator and Haley. We may try to get volunteers form SGA.

III. New Business

- a. Webform is down. Teresa informed that there is a hiccup in update. The IT people are checking. We will display a message on webpage (system is updating, may take some time).
 - further improvement of form: a few students applied for fall, but it seems like summer.
- b. Physics conference
 - i. We will vote to approve or disapprove for the request funding for beverages in a week. The program is scheduled for July 15th.
 - ii. They will inform us about the number of total students.
 - iii. Estimated cost may be \$100-\$150.
- c. Goals for the year?
 - i. Continue discussion/initiative on Grad Student Union/ increasing pay/stipend.
 - 1. We may consider having a platform for dialogue between admin people and students.
 - 2. We may collaborate with the Graduate Wage Raise Organizing Committee (who are working for stipend raise)
 - ii. Helping students with FIU Transport. We will try to build on existing facilities to offer new routes, stoppages, even purchasing new buses.
 - iii. Further investigation how we can improve freebee service around campus.
 - iv. We may consider organizing a Workshop on funding Information dissemination among students, subject to further discussion.

IV. Reports

- a. Senate Leadership: no update
- b. Committee: no update
- c. Advisor: no update

V. Announcements

VI. Meeting Adjournment at 4:40 pm