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 of 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   c. Overhaul GPSC Website (out of date)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