

Graduate Professional Student Committee

March 30, 2020 - Agenda

Time: 12:45 pm

Location: <https://fiu.zoom.us/j/350853259>

Invitation sent to:

Name	Email	Attendance
Maryam Rafieifar	mrafi007@fiu.edu / gpscchair@fiu.edu	Present
Angel Algarin	aalga016@fiu.edu	Absent
Shahnawaz Rafi	srafi004@fiu.edu	Absent
Nitya Ramalingam	nrama011@med.fiu.edu	Present
Marko Nikitovic	sbasga@fiu.edu	Absent
Angelica Moncada	amonc002@fiu.edu	Present
Teresa Amador	tamador@fiu.edu	Present
Michelle Castro	mimcast@fiu.edu	Present
SGA Internal Affairs	SGAinternal@fiu.edu	Absent
SGA Speaker	sgaspeaker@fiu.edu	Present
Christian Perez	cmiperez@fiu.edu	Present
Adam Ratzlaff	aratzlaf@gmail.com	Present

For this meeting we addressed the following points:

1. Discuss the Green School Graduate Council Proposal
 - a. Invited guest Adam Ratzlaff (supporting documents on email from March 23) introduces the proposed council
 - b. Discussion on views on the proposal
 - c. Figure out how the Med and Bar associations came to be
 - d. Speaker Nivia comments on how this is not applicable to most students so being an Council is not viable
 - e. Michelle - Work with GPSC for event funding, red tape is also an issue with CSO (3 weeks prior for having a guest speaker), partnering with GPSC to see what can be provided. Reviewing SOP to add more funding options.
 - f. Susannah - they went to CSO first but the administration did not follow up. Michelle will do the follow up on their applications.
 - g.
2. GAB meeting (Mar-26) minutes
 - a. Claudia is working on implementing two ideas to keep grad students engaged:
 - i. UGS will be offering online meditation sessions through Zoom and advice from meditation experts on how to deal with isolation. To be done next week. The email will ask students who have something to teach others like Zumba, salsa, etc. if they can donate an hour of their time to do this.
 - ii. Hold a photo contest: "funny/original pictures by grad students on what they are doing to cope with stress". Award prizes based on "people's choice" based on the one with most likes. It could be something related to April fools'.
 - b. Dr. Webster – talked with CAPS to see what more they can do to reach grad students during this time.
 - c. Dr. Kos wants to publish on the UGS website the names and abstracts for posters that were going to be presented at GSAW so they can get recognition/ acknowledgements.
 - d. Dr. Kos - Summer A and C classes will be fully online. Summer B is pending
 - e. Next GAB meeting is April 9.
3. SOP amendments proposed by Michaela Mills

- a. Link to the edited version:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GlcdRlRmb8croqNbDYVDI7SINhuau3mE/view?usp=sharing>
 - b. Discussion or Proposed amendments
 - i. Teresa - talked to Sylvana about the SOP changes. Sylvana did not like taking away the \$100 cap for accommodations. There will be issues with too many applications and not enough funds for so many.
 - ii. Teresa wants us to re-word the section where \$100 is crossed out and “maximum possible amount”. She prefers for the cap to be raised.
 - c. Did not vote due to time constraint
4. Unfinished business
- a. Set best time for next semester’s meetings

Meeting adjourned at 2:36 PM