GSAC—Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

November 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunflower Room—Overman Student Center

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction—GSAC president John Kuefler and GSAC Advisor B.B Stotts welcomed the group.

2. Departmental Events
   a. B.B. asked the GSAC members to announce what is happening in their department.
   b. English – Cow Creek is expected to have a larger reading event towards the end of the semester.
   c. English – Clue Party is planned for November 15th at 7PM in Grubbs Hall. The movie will be shown and guests are asked to dress up.
   d. Psychology – Dr. Hurford and a graduate student went to New Orleans last week to present over a topic. Dr. Alison has a symposium planned for the end of the semester for a sociology class that is TBD.
   e. Nursing – Celebration party for the founder of the curriculum.
   f. Education – Graduate student is traveling to the poverty center in the Washington D.C. and Williamsburg area.
   g. Business – Senior executive will be visiting on November 15th to talk about his business experiences. MBAA Picnic is planned for October 31st. MBA students will also be traveling to the Kansas City Federal Bank on December 6th.

3. Collegio
   a. Still looking for a liaison between the Graduate School and Malory White (Collegio contact).

4. Why Graduate School? Presentations
   a. Joe Zdeb will be assisting with HIST 749.

5. New Funding Forms
   a. B.B. Stotts handed out the new funding forms for preview.
   b. B.B. Stotts also encouraged spreading the word that funding is available for thesis and for conferences.
   c. Forms are available online for access to fill out digitally. All forms may be printed and turned-in by hand.

6. University Committee Representation Updates
a. Torrie Epperson met with ITC and reported that WiFi on campus will become closed around the start of the 2014 semester. GUS passwords will be reset twice a year.

7. Events for Spring
   a. A survey will be sent to look at available GSAC meeting times for Spring 2014
   b. Graduate School Showcase should expect to happen early February. This event will be similar to the undergraduate Majors Fair.
   c. Stephanie Jepson discussed details of the Fall 2013 Majors Fair.
   d. A possible time between 1-4PM for this event was recommended to avoid class conflict with the nursing program.
   e. Graduate Student Informational Gathering will be planned for next semester too, probably end of January.
   f. An idea for a picnic for graduate students was presented that involves bringing the family and socializing with other PSU graduate students; expected to happen in the Spring (April).
   g. A time management workshop for students was requested that would aid students in the available tools to help them succeed in graduate school.
   h. Contract negotiations workshop was also presented that would assist first-time professional job takers in negotiating topics related to healthcare, salary, etc.

8. Bylaws
   a. Subcommittee needs to be formed that will finalize the bylaws before the next allocations meeting in the Spring 2014 semester.

9. New Merchandise
   a. B.B. Stotts presented the new Graduate School promotional pen/stylus.

10. New Business/For the Good of the Order—no discussion

11. B.B. Stotts and John Kuefler thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

   Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., Sunflower Room, Overman Student Center