

Graduate Student Advisory Council
November 30, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
Balkans Room (OSC) and Zoom

MINUTES:

1. Welcome—Megan opened the meeting at 3:32 PM
2. November 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes were uploaded to the GSAC webpage on November 30, 2022. No changes or updates to the minutes were suggested, minutes approved.
3. University Committee Reports
 - A. Library Services Committee – Catherine Miller—Have not met, No report
 - B. Academic Honesty Committee – Chih Chieh Chang—Unknown, No report
 - C. Information Technology Council (ITC) – Zeshan Shah—Have not met, No report
 - D. Board of Governors – Lukas Amershek
 - i. Board of governors met previous week and discussed how Covid has hurt the Student Center budget.
 - ii. Board discussed increase of \$1 in fees per student
 - iii. Lukas reached out on behalf of the homecoming committee to find volunteers
4. Reports from Programs—no reports from any department
5. Old Business
 - Council revisited talking to Student Success about Canvas preparedness and literacy.
 - Lisa reached out to Student Success, Heather Eckstein and Susan Downing confirmed that Canvas is still part of Gorilla Gateway course, and they still try to cover Canvas extensively, but individual Canvas literacy might be up to GTAs.
 - Lisa volunteered to send links of Canvas demos and how-to videos to any instructors who are interested.
6. New Business
 - Dates/times for spring meetings—Megan reached out to executive committee members about spring meetings, Rylee brought up using a poll to gauge good meeting times/days for the spring semester
 - GA conversations—
 - Catherine brought up mental health services and on-campus resources for mental health about students

- Megan and Rylee discussed implementing and incorporating mental health services to our classes
- Lisa referred to Student Life for reporting issues on campus/with students
- Lisa encouraged GTAs to go to their supervisors with student-based issues
- Proposed periodic mental health surveys to be distributed to students
- Fall Breaks
 - Discussion started about returning to having a fall break *and* a Thanksgiving break
 - Lisa suggested writing a proposal regarding break changes to be given to the provost
- Gorilla Gateway course awareness
 - Rylee brought up talking to Heather Eckstein about Gorilla Gateway to better prepare and engage GTAs with resources available to their students
 - Proposed getting a course syllabus and overview
 - Directing students toward accommodations and Student Success Center
 - Megan encouraged members to start thinking about potential GSAC-sponsored events for the Spring

7. Important Dates

- December 12th-16th – Finals Week
- December 16th – Commencement

8. For the Good of the Order

- KTC issued an order for 150 new students to come study

9. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Catherine Miller, GSAC Secretary/Treasurer