

Graduate Student Advisory Council Minutes

December 14, 2023

Kansas 1 (OSC) and Zoom

1. Call to Order; Introductions given by the new executive committee.
2. November meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the council.
3. University Committee Reports
 - Academic Honesty Committee- Megan Vestal – No report
 - Board of Governors – Jen Barnett – No report
4. GSAC Committee Reports
 - Communication and Outreach Committee – No report
 - Events Committee – No report
5. Report from Programs
 - No reports from programs
6. Old Business
 - SGA President to speak at GSAC meeting in December
 - Introduction of Lea Jordan
 - Member of SGA
 - Here to collaborate with GSAC for better communication and collaboration between the two committees.
 - Reminder of Graduate Conference Support
 - Abdullah asked for more information regarding support.
 - Lisa rehashed information
 - Any graduate student has the opportunity to apply for funding for conference or thesis
 - Available through the Deans office of each college
 - Get in touch with your deans office or faculty members for more information.
7. New Business
 - Jaben Parnell, President of SGA, introduces himself and his ideas for collaboration between SGA and GSAC
 - SGA would like to provide support for graduate students and is here to collaborate and begin communication.
 - SGA recently passed a new constitution and resolutions for undergrads and would like to do the same for graduate students with the creation of Graduate Advisory Council to replace senate seats for graduate students in SGA.
 - SGA is a representative for students to have their voice heard by administration of colleges and the university.

- Jaben proposes this could work with the following steps:
 - Jaben would like to attend monthly meetings
 - Issues that come up will be discussed
- Discuss and vote on collaboration at next GSAC meeting
 - Neal would like to discuss a liaison between GSAC and SGA at the next GSAC meeting
 - Jaben is happy to look at bylaws to ensure that we implement the cooperation of both groups
 - Neal asks for clarification of Graduate voices at the meetings and how that works
 - Bryan and Lea are the graduate members
 - Possibility of adding the graduate member of SGA as a graduate member of GSAC
 - Welcomes Jaben to attend the next meeting
 - Each want to work toward the same goal and make sure the committees are not competing
 - Lea provides an example of how the collaboration could work
 - Dr. Miller Cover is trying to launch Golden Gorilla
 - Open to feedback
 - Neal wants to discuss with executive team before the general meeting, then with Jaben, and bring to the January GSAC meeting.
 - Bring up any questions or ideas to the executive committee.

8. Important Upcoming Dates

- Fall Semester Closes: December 15, 2023
- Spring Semester Begins: January 17, 2024

9. For the Good of the Order

- Lisa added the next meeting should be January 25th
- Abdullah asked about email transfers after graduation
 - Is there any way we can charge a payment per year for continuation of Gus Email?
 - Lisa: Gorilla Geeks will be the department we need to contact. After 6 months the email will end.
 - Neal will dig into the issue to determine who we need to discuss the issue with.

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 3:54