

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

March 9, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Kansas 1 Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions
- GSAC group photo was taken in the point area of the Student Center for Kanza
- What is happening in your area/department? (Attendance highlighted in yellow)
2019-2020 Representatives:
Biology – Abigail Morgan and Amy Hammesfahr – Preparing for Science day on April 16, Biology graduate students are highlighted outside the Biology office on the 2nd floor of Heckert Wells
Chemistry -
Polymer Chemistry -
Communication – Shane Adcock – Communication students are preparing for conferences
Engineering Technology – Filipe Santos Araujo and Rhett Lokey – Department is working with Black & Veatch for new program; Several students going to the IEEE Conference; Several UG students are interested in the 5 yr accelerated MET program – get two degrees in 5 years.
English – Cody Mick and Kayla McCollough
HHPR – Abbey Sommerauer and Josh Hudiburg
History –
MBA –
Materials Science – Tenzin Ingsel and J. Choi
Mathematics – Jordan Bailey and (Robbie Custer-December 2019 Grad) – Helping to prepare for the Math Relays in early April; Jordan has been accepted into a PhD program at the University of Kansas – Yay!!
Music – Davis Erickson and Whitley Chesney – Many recitals and performances coming up. Coral trip to Europe canceled.
Nursing – Bailey Kuhlman
Physics – Brendan Schmitz and Merab Basilaia – Helping with Science Day and Colloquium
Psychology & Counseling – Jose (J.P.) Parlade and Megan Woodfield – Planning to present at a conference in Kansas City – “Meeting of the Minds”; Finished Violence Prevention training with many of the student athletic teams
Teaching and Leadership (Education Leadership) –
Teaching and Leadership (Education Technology)
Teaching and Leadership (Special Education) –
Teaching and Leadership (Reading, Secondary or Elementary) -
Teaching and Leadership (ESOL) -
TWL - Technology – Abhishek Singh and Rohan Dutta
TWL - Technology/GIT - Kelsey Colwell – Getting ready for the Creative Crimson Awards with GIT department
TWL – Career and Technical Education -
TWL – Human Resource Development -
Departments still needing representation: Chemistry, History, MBA, TCHL – online representation, HRD and Career & Tech Ed.
Staff Advisor – B. B. Stotts
- University Committee Representation
 - University Academic Honesty Committee – Kelsey Colwell – no report
 - Library Services Committee – J.P. Parlade – no report
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Manaswini Bhamidipati – no report
 - Student Sustainability Fund Committee – Amy Hammesfahr reported that this committee has many vacancies and are looking for more representatives; the group will help plan the Earth Day event on April 18, 2020 at the Pritchett Pavilion, 2nd and Broadway Street.
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Shane Adcock – no report
 - Athletic Fee Council – (meets in the spring) -??
 - Health Fee Council – (meets in the spring) - Abbi Morgan – no report

- GSAC Funding Request – [7 requests – 3 Thesis and 4 Conference]
All requests were approved on 3-9-2020; Note: With the closing of campus and all events and travel cancelled for the spring semester, conference funds are no longer approved by PSU for spring dates.
 - Brittany Worthington, Psychology, Thesis request, Researching behavioral skills training to children with ASD...; Thesis Request: up to \$300
 - John Fredrickson, Psychology, Thesis request, Topic: Addressing social and emotional skills in adolescent children; Thesis Request: up to \$300
 - Jose Parlade, Psychology, Conference Presentation at the 32nd Association for Psychological Sciences Annual Convention in Chicago, IL on May 21-24, 2020; Title: Reasons for belief/nonbelief predict death anxiety; Request: up to \$300
 - Tiffany Eldridge, Psychology, Conference Presentation at the 32nd Association for Psychological Sciences Annual Convention in Chicago, IL on May 21-24, 2020; Title: Perceptions of Religious Believers' and Nonbelievers' Level of Death Anxiety; Request: up to \$300
 - Amy Hammesfahr, Biology, Conference Presentation at the Midwest Bat Working Group Meeting in Jefferson City, MO on April 6-7, 2020; Title: Are Acoustic lures effective tools to increase imperiled Bat captures?; Request: up to \$300
 - Megan Woodfield, Psychology, Conference Presentation at the Meeting of the Minds in Kansas City, MO on April 2-4, 2020; Request: up to \$300

- Additional Tasks/Events
 - GSAC Representatives to man a booth in the Gorilla Crossing area of the student center – “Gab with a Grad at the Crossroads – Come learn more about Graduate School”. Dates are: Apr. 1, and May 6 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. See sign-up sheet.
 - GSAC By-laws document – Exec team is working on updating this document. Will send a draft to the group for review before the April meeting, second reading and approval in April.
 - Created a Canvas Community for GSAC members and we are back in Gorilla Engage. Will try to send the Canvas invitation again for anyone who missed the e-mail.
 - Collegio – Graduate School News

- Old Business – We received an e-mail from the Provost letting us know that the proposal regarding Blue Parking Permits for G.A.'s is being reviewed and is moving forward up the chain.

 February 26, 2020 – Graduate Student Capitol Research Summit in Topeka, KS, had 5 graduate students present their posters. It was a good event.

- New Business/For the Good of the Order – It was suggested that GSAC participate in the Activities or Organization Fair at the beginning of the Fall semester.

- The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

 Important Dates:

- March 6, 2020 – Registration Deadline for the PSU Research Colloquium
- March 12, 2020 – PSU Spring Career Day – Plaster Center
- March 23-27, 2020 – SPRING BREAK
- April 1, 2020 - Graduate Table at the Crossroads, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- April 1, 2020 – Grad Finale at the Alumni Center today
- April 8, 2020 – PSU Research Colloquium
- April 22, 2020 – Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet, 6:00 p.m. in the Ballroom, OSC
- May 6, 2020 - Graduate Table at the Crossroads, 11:00 – 1:00 p.m.

GSAC Officers 2019-2020:

President: Shane Adcock ** Vice President: Megan Woodfield ** Secretary: Kelsey Colwell