

Graduate Student Advisory Council Minutes
Kansas 1 and Zoom
October 2, 2025

1. Welcome and Introductions:

Members of the council introduced themselves and shared what department they represented.

2. GSAC Overview:

Lisa Allen shared the following from the GSAC mission and encouraged representatives to review the GSAC bylaws on the GSAC web page.

- Mission: Facilitate communication among graduate students, faculty, and administrators. Promote professional development and interaction among the graduate student population through social events, academic events, and specialized workshops. Act as a resource for current, as well as incoming graduate students.
- Web page/GSAC bylaws: <https://www.pittstate.edu/graduate/graduate-student-advisory-council.html>

3. Volunteers needed for University Committee Representation:

- Academic Honesty Committee-Megan Loudermilk
- Library Services Committee- Humas Sindhu
- GenAI Task Force- Marci Heatherly

4. Officer Elections for the following will be held at the next meeting:

These three positions make up the Executive Committee.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer

5. New Business:

- Future GSAC Meetings- Lisa Allen shared that she would like to have the meetings on a set day and time every month. She suggested holding the meetings for this academic year on the first Thursday of every month at 3:00 p.m. The council agreed to this schedule. The next meeting will be on Thursday, November 6th. Lisa also suggested possibly adding a specific day/time for meetings to the bylaws so that when departments select representatives they can determine if the students that they nominate will be available for the meetings.
- GSAC Committees- Communication and Outreach, Events, Ad Hoc-We will select members for these committees at the next meeting. Each committee will include one person from the executive committee, one chairperson, and at least one additional person.

6. Reports from Programs:

- Megan Loudermilk shared information about the Psychology and Counseling Society.
- Makayla Pilcher shared that Kelce Graduate Student Association (KGSA) is considering hosting workshops and the possibility of opening them up to others outside of the Kelce College of Business.

- Frida Herrera mentioned that the Green Bandana Project will be hosting training on suicide prevention on October 14th.
- Sara Poteat mentioned that Social Work students will have their projects displayed on the oval and encouraged the group to stop by and support the students.
- Lauren Baldwin and Jada Ortiz talked about the Communication Center and shared some of the different services that the center provides.
- Humas Sindhu shared that there is now an HRD Club that will cover HR topics, and everyone is welcome to attend.

7. There was no old business

8. Important Dates:

- October 11th - Homecoming
- November 2nd - Enrollment for spring and summer semester begins
- November 3rd – Last day to drop an individual course
- November 3rd- Deadline for 25/WF graduates to petition for graduation
- November 24th -28th - Fall break

9. The meeting was adjourned.