

# **GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting**

October 13, 2008, 1:00 p.m.

Varsity Room – Overman Student Center

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## Minutes

Attendance: Rebecca Clutter, Brittany Guardia, Jana Horchem, Allison Keegan, Phillip Kurtz, Dr. Brenda Roberts, Jaime Vanderbeck and B.B. Stotts

- Welcome/Introductions were made. Jaime Vanderbeck and B.B. Stotts are new to the group from Continuing and Graduate Studies. All student representatives are new this academic year except for the return of Kristen Livingston (Communication). Dr. Brenda Roberts is also returning this academic year as our Faculty Advisor.
- Overview of GSAC – discussion of the purpose and mission of GSAC was had plus a brief history of how GSAC was created/replaced the Graduate Student Association in 2006. Seems to be an outreach group for Graduate Students...finding ways to communicate what programs and resources are available to Graduate Students. A place to respond to the needs of Graduate Students. Has helped with the Meet & Greet event each semester. This event did not take place this fall and the Dean of Continuing and Graduate Studies has asked that we re-think this event. Possibly find other ways to reach Grad Students.

Events for Grad Students – Grad Finale, Grad Banquet, Research Colloquium & Best Thesis programs

Brain stormed a few ideas: create a PowerPoint with all this information and put on web page. Find a way to talk to graduate classes, send e-mails directed to grad students, Chamber Coffee type event, have an event the first week of classes, hold event on multiple nights and at different times in the day – could be some type of information table.....

- Officer Nomination
  - President – Kristen Livingston, Communication
  - Vice President
  - Treasurer
  - Secretary

Further discussion on officer nominations was requested for the next meeting where the duties of each office could be explained in more detail. B.B. said she would try to look for by-laws or more information. Many of the students in attendance said they were willing to take on a leadership role but would like more information before committing. Hopefully Kristen Livingston could help us with information about what occurred in the past.

- University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – due October 6 to VPAA
  - Allison Keegan, Psychology & Counseling
- NAGPS – National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
  - 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, October 29 - November 2, University of Minnesota – Twin Cities
- Meeting Time – The second Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m. seems to be a good time for most this semester. Jana may be a few minutes late since she is coming from the Rec. Center.

Next Meeting will be November 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Varsity Room - OSC

- New Business/For the Good of the Order
- Adjournment at 2:05 p.m.