

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

October 4, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

Prairie Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – Members present: Lora Winters, Jennifer Butler, Anna Beth Gilmore, Dustin Wiley, Nate Morris, Brenda Roberts and B.B. Stotts

2011-2012 Representatives:

English – Lora Winters

Mathematics – Jennifer Butler

Nursing – Anna Beth Gilmore

Physics – Brenden Smith

MBA, Accounting – Esther Thuo

HHPR – Nick Baldetti

SSLS – Dustin Wiley & Nate Morris

Engineering Technology – Tom Rush

Departments still needing representation: Biology, Chemistry, Communication, History, C & I, Psychology & Counseling, GIT, TWL – B.B. Stotts will contact each department to try to get a nomination for a graduate student representative.

- Overview of GSAC – discussion on the mission and purpose of GSAC
The mission of GSAC consists of three parts:
 - To facilitate communication among graduate students, faculty and administrators
 - To promote professional development and interaction among the graduate population
 - To act as a source of information and guidance

- University Committee Representation
 - Overman Student Center Board of Governors advisory group
 - Esther Thuo, MBA
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – due October 3 to VPAA
 - Lora Winters, English

Thanks for your participation on these committees; if additional requests are needed you may be contacted to participate.

- Officer nominations were discussed and the following students volunteered to serve for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - President – Dustin Wiley, SSLS
 - Vice President – Lora Winters, English
 - Treasurer/Secretary – Jennifer Butler, Math

Many thanks to all who volunteered.

- Events / Projects

GSAC Informational Night – February 2012; Create marketing piece – we plan to set the date of this event at the next meeting. Creating a marketing piece for GSAC is a goal for this year.

- NAGPS – National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
 - 22nd Annual Conference, October 27 - 30, University of Colorado at BoulderOther conference opportunities would be well received, perhaps some closer to home. OSU has hosted a conference in the past. B.B. Stotts was asked to see if she could find additional conferences.
- Meeting Time – Meeting dates and times were discussed and the best day and time this semester seemed to be Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m. Meetings for the Fall 2011 will take place on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. – Varsity Room, OSC
 - Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. – Collegiate Room, OSC
- New Business/For the Good of the Order – no new business discussed
- Adjournment at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
B.B. Stotts



GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

What is the GSAC?

The Graduate Student Advisory Council is composed of graduate students that serve as representatives from each department. The number of representatives is dependent on the enrollment size of each program. The mission of the GSAC consists of three parts: 1) to facilitate communication among graduate students, faculty and administrators; 2) to promote professional development and interaction among the graduate population; 3) to act as a source of information and guidance.

Who can attend?

Membership in the GSAC is open to all graduate students enrolled at Pittsburg State University. Any graduate student may attend the monthly meetings; however, only representatives appointed by departments have voting rights.

Additional Information

For information on the composition, functions and responsibilities of the GSAC, visit the web site at:

<http://www.pittstate.edu/office/graduate/graduate-student-advisory-council.dot>

Meeting dates and times, upcoming events and various announcements are posted on the web site.

Continuing and Graduate Studies

The Continuing and Graduate Studies web site serves as an important resource and guide to aid prospective and current graduate students.

<http://www.pittstate.edu/cgs>

Essential information for current students is available on the web site including thesis requirements, enrollment verification, fee listings and commencement procedures. A calendar with important dates for graduate students is also available.

Who to contact in the Continuing and Graduate Studies Office:

(Phone number extensions are listed. All numbers begin with 620-2355)

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