

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 4, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

Varsity Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions
Attendance: Tom Rush, Alex Radcliff, John Kuefler, Lacy Jo Graham, Brogan Hoover, Dr. Pawan Kahol, and B.B. Stotts

2012-2013 Representatives & Overview of GSAC: handout to first time attendees
 - Review Minutes from November 14, 2012
 - Dr. Kahol, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies
Dr. Kahol addressed the group and shared his professional experiences in higher education and what he hopes to do at PSU. He is excited to be at PSU and hopes to implement a few new initiatives, some that GSAC might assist with. These include:
 - Town Hall Meetings held in each College – probably hold two meetings each semester so that all four colleges could be covered in an academic year.
 - Present to UG Classes to promote graduate school – Why Graduate School? Will ask GSAC members to assist in making short 5 minute class presentations. Hope to start this Spring 2013.
 - Graduate School Showcase
 - Research Colloquium – Monday, April 15, 2013
Want to encourage more research on our campus for both undergraduate and graduate students. This year's colloquium will have 1 prize per 5 entries and consist of four categories – oral presentations and posters
 - Category A – Science and Technology
 - Category B – Business, Education and Humanities
 - Category C - Arts
 - Category D – Topical Literature Review PostersDeadline to register for the 2013 Research Colloquium is March 25, 2013.
Registrations can be found on the Graduate School web page – www.pittstate.edu/cgs
 - Undergraduate Research event in Topeka at the Capitol – PSU will take 10 students to present their posters in the Rotunda on February 20, 2013. Dr. Kahol hopes this type of event will be available for PSU Graduate Student next year.
- Dr. Kahol asked the group if there was anything they would like to see at PSU for graduate students that he might be able to assist with and encouraged this group to use their shared governance (GSAC) as a way to voice concerns or requests to administration. Suggestions made by the group were the creation of a Graduate Student Lounge to serve as a place for support of graduate students – provide coffee, located on the main campus – perhaps in the OSC, provide information on How to Handle Stress.
- Reports:
 - Look at the PSU Graduate School website – likes/dislikes
 - Visit other university Graduate School website – likes/dislikes
 - Kansas State University (Sean O'Neill) No Report
 - University of Kansas (Brogan Hoover) report given 11/1

- Wichita State University (Sean O’Neill) No Report
- Emporia State University (Brogan Hoover) report given 11/1
- Fort Hays State University (Brogan Hoover) report given 11/1
- Oklahoma State University (Sean O’Neill) No Report
- Facebook page – what type of information would you like to see – visit the PSU Graduate School FB page and make suggestions (Alex Radcliff & Bekah Rosenblad)

Alex reported that she looked at our FB page and thought it looked O.K. but would like to see more activity on the page. She would like to see more announcements and dates of events or important deadlines to be posted on the page. The group agreed that FB is a great means to communicate with today’s grad students. Additional suggestions included to showcase a graduate student or a graduate program once a month; highlight special events happening in different departments or on campus; create a coupon to post on FB to receive if you attend an event; link to other department FB pages.
- GSAC Informational Gathering – Report from Planning Committee
 - Date: January 29, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. (original date of Jan. 30 was not available)
 - Location: Balkans Room, Overman Student Center
 - Poster has been created and will be posted across campus before the spring semester starts.

B.B. mentioned that she would like all GSAC members to attend this event if possible. Please let your colleagues and friends know about the event.
- Meeting date/times for next semester, Spring 2013

No suggestions were made in the meeting and it was recommended to send a survey through survey monkey to the group to determine the best date and time. B. B. will send an e-mail to the group with the survey link in the next week or so.
- New Business/For the Good of the Order

A suggestion to provide a networking event to build connections was presented. Perhaps a holiday event similar to what the local Young Professional is doing. An event that has food and a presentation from successful professionals in the community on how a graduate degree has helped them in their career – benefits of more education. It was mentioned that the MBA Association currently holds similar events; perhaps GSAC can help sponsor an event with the MBA Association.

Additional suggestions were made on how to promote graduate programs including presenting to the Freshmen Experience classes, all capstone classes, and have two booths at the COT Company Day since the building is so large – perhaps have a booth on each end of the KTC to increase visibility of the Graduate School.

- Adjournment at 12:05 p.m.

2012-2013 GSAC Officers

President – Nate Morris
 Vice President – Brogan Hoover
 Secretary /Treasurer – Tayler Klein

Important Dates to remember:

January 14, 2013 – First day of the Spring Semester

January 29, 2013 – GSAC Informational Gathering

April 24, 2013 – Graduate School and Research Banquet