

GSAC—Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting
January 15, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.
Russ Hall 216

Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction—B.B. Stotts and GSAC president John Kuefler welcomed the council.
2. New Department Information for Spring 2014
 - a. David Beck announced that the Distinguished Visiting Writer series will continue this semester. The first visiting writer is fiction writer Larry Heinemann on Thursday, Feb. 6.
3. University Committee Representation
 - a. Student Center Board of Governors representative Robert A. Smith shared the progress of the plans for the Student Center expansion. The building will be roughly 30% larger. Later, members will seek design input from Pittsburg State University students. Most rooms in the Student Center will be closed by April. They hope to be finished sometime in 2015.
4. Collegio—Graduate Student Stories
 - a. Malory White is seeking stories from graduate students about their experiences as students. To share a story, please contact B.B. or email Malory at malory.white@gus.pittstate.edu.
5. Events for Spring 2014
 - a. Graduate Student Informational Gathering
 - i. January 30, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., Balkans Room
 - ii. Will include presentations over how graduate school works, theses, paperwork for research purposes, and funding for research.
 - iii. Refreshments will be provided by Sodexo, who will be contacted by Tayler Klein.
 - iv. Kevin designed a new poster to advertise the event, and we discussed creating digital posters for the Axe Library or the Student Center as well.
 - b. Workshops
 - i. John Kuefler is interested in giving a workshop over Time Management and tools used to be a successful graduate student sometime in February. Date TBD.
 - c. “Why Graduate School” presentations
 - i. Stotts and Kahol will continue promoting the PSU Graduate School in undergraduate classes and are interested in inviting graduate students to accompany them. Stotts will come up with potential dates.
 - d. Graduate School and Research Award Banquet
 - i. Wednesday, April 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center
 - e. Potential Graduate School Social Gathering
 - i. We discussed having a family-friendly picnic for graduate students and their families sometime later in the semester.

6. Meeting time
 - a. Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. does not work for some people.
 - b. B.B. will create a new survey for GSAC members to share their input on which times work best.
7. New Business/For the Good of the Order
 - a. Tayler Klein shared a concern about PSU theses being made available online. We discussed how this can be an issue for individuals who may want to publish their work and a copyright issue.
8. Adjournment
9. Next Meeting: February 2014—TBD