

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

November 6, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

Sunflower Room—Overman Student Center

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## Minutes

1. Welcome/Introduction—GSAC president John Kuefler and GSAC Advisor B.B. Stotts welcomed the group.
2. Departmental Events
  - a. B.B. asked the GSAC members to announce what is happening in their department.
  - b. English – Cow Creek is expected to have a larger reading event towards the end of the semester.
  - c. English – Clue Party is planned for November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in Grubbs Hall. The movie will be shown and guests are asked to dress up.
  - d. Psychology – Dr. Hurford and a graduate student went to New Orleans last week to present over a topic. Dr. Alison has a symposium planned for the end of the semester for a sociology class that is TBD.
  - e. Nursing – Celebration party for the founder of the curriculum.
  - f. Education – Graduate student is traveling to the poverty center in the Washington D.C. and Williamsburg area.
  - g. Business – Senior executive will be visiting on November 15<sup>th</sup> to talk about his business experiences. MBAA Picnic is planned for October 31<sup>st</sup>. MBA students will also be traveling to the Kansas City Federal Bank on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. Collegio
  - a. Still looking for a liaison between the Graduate School and Malory White (Collegio contact).
4. Why Graduate School? Presentations
  - a. Joe Zdeb will be assisting with HIST 749.
5. New Funding Forms
  - a. B.B. Stotts handed out the new funding forms for preview.
  - b. B.B. Stotts also encouraged spreading the word that funding is available for thesis and for conferences.
  - c. Forms are available online for access to fill out digitally. All forms may be printed and turned-in by hand.
6. University Committee Representation Updates

- a. Torrie Epperson met with ITC and reported that WiFi on campus will become closed around the start of the 2014 semester. GUS passwords will be reset twice a year.
7. Events for Spring
    - a. A survey will be sent to look at available GSAC meeting times for Spring 2014
    - b. Graduate School Showcase should expect to happen early February. This event will be similar to the undergraduate Majors Fair.
    - c. Stephanie Jepson discussed details of the Fall 2013 Majors Fair.
    - d. A possible time between 1-4PM for this event was recommended to avoid class conflict with the nursing program.
    - e. Graduate Student Informational Gathering will be planned for next semester too, probably end of January.
    - f. An idea for a picnic for graduate students was presented that involves bringing the family and socializing with other PSU graduate students; expected to happen in the Spring (April).
    - g. A time management workshop for students was requested that would aid students in the available tools to help them succeed in graduate school.
    - h. Contract negotiations workshop was also presented that would assist first-time professional job takers in negotiating topics related to healthcare, salary, etc.
  8. Bylaws
    - a. Subcommittee needs to be formed that will finalize the bylaws before the next allocations meeting in the Spring 2014 semester.
  9. New Merchandise
    - a. B.B. Stotts presented the new Graduate School promotional pen/stylus.
  10. New Business/For the Good of the Order—no discussion
  11. B.B. Stotts and John Kuefler thanked everyone for attending. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 3:00 p.m., Sunflower Room, Overman Student Center**