

# GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

216 Russ Hall

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## Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department? The following members were in attendance and reported on their department: Rachael Sachs-Mathematics; Stuart Jeck-HHPR; Joey Zdeb-TCHL reported that the COE is busy with student teachers in the field – most of them getting settled in at their schools and now they are the main instructor in the classroom at their student-teaching site; Teuta Lokaj-HRD – The HRD program is undergoing some changes. In the fall all of their program will be available only online, a new format for comprehensive exams is being considered – hope to move to a more project/presentation based requirement. The program is also working closely with SHRM to become a preferred provider.
- The group reviewed three Funding Request applications for Linda Muffoletto, Psychology & Counseling, Conference Attendance; S. Anandavalli, Psychology & Counseling, Conference Attendance; and Fabio Giacomelli, Biology, Conference Attendance. All requests were approved to receive up to \$250.
- GSAC review the recent Graduate Student Informational Gathering event that was held on Feb. 4, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. The date and time seemed work fine. It is best to have this event around the third week of the semester. Hope to offer this event in the fall and spring next academic year. Fall 2015 date should be the week of August 31<sup>st</sup> – suggesting Wed., Sept. 2, 2015 as a tentative date. Location back in the Student Center would be best. Everyone thought the program layout was good. Could possibly add a short 10-15 presentation that would help orientate new students and international students to PSU. Refreshment menu was great – pin wheels, veggie tray, and cookies. Maybe just offer water to drink next time, no tea. Means of advertisement should stay the same – posters, Mr. Bulke e-mails, Instructor invitations, Canvas, all seemed to work well. We had 20 people in attendance on Feb. 4.
- Review university committee assignments – report on any meetings:
  - ITC – Information Technology Committee – Jordan Simoncic - absent
  - Student Center Board of Governors – Jon Kaleugher - absent
  - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – n/a
  - Athletic Fee Council – Stuart Jeck – First meeting will be on February 22. He will report more at the next GSAC meeting.
  - Student Health Fee Council – Cara Russell - absent
  - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Kevin Christjohn and Deban –n/a
- New Business/For the Good of the Order - none
- Adjournment at 2:50 p.m.
- Next meeting: March 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in 216 Russ Hall

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## Dates to remember:

- April 1, 2015 – Distinguished Thesis registration deadline – OK to self-nominate.
- April 8, 2015 – Research Colloquium at the Bicknell Family Center for the Arts; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; deadline to register is Monday, March 9, 2015
- April 15, 2015 – Graduate School and Research Banquet at 6:00 p.m.

Officers for Spring 2015 - President – Joey Zdeb; Vice President – Mary English; Secretary – Cara Russell