

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

September 29, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Balkans Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department? The group opened with introductions of their name and what department they represent. Attendance included the following: Stuart Jeck-HHPR; Kevin Chrisjohn-MBA; Jonathan Russell-History; Chathuri Silva-Physics; Dinushi Jayatunga-Physics; Cara Russell Nursing; Jon Kalengher-English; Teuta Lokaj-HRD
- 2014-2015 Representatives: handout
Departments still needing representation: Chemistry, Communication, Psychology & Counseling, and TCHL – online representation?
- Overview of GSAC – Discussed the purpose and mission of the group. The Graduate Student Advisory Council is composed of graduate students that serve as representatives from each department. The mission of 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.
- Officer Nominations – no nominations were made
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
- University Committee Representation – the following students volunteered to serve on campus committees:
 - ITC – Information Technology Committee – Jordan Simoncic
 - Student Center Board of Governors – Jon Kaleugher
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee –
 - Athletic Fee Council – Stuart Jeck
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Kevin Christjohn and Deban
- Additional Tasks/Events for group 2014 – 2015
 - Collegio – Graduate School News
 - Fall picnic?
 - GSAC T-shirt
 - Why Graduate School? presentations
 - Graduate Student Informational Gathering
 - Graduate School Showcase
 - Workshops
 - Other ideas
- Best Meeting Day/Time for the group – a survey was completed by each member to determine the best time/day for meetings this semester. B.B. said she would send out an announcement for the next meeting.
- New Business/For the Good of the Order – A few other topics/announcements were discussed. It was mentioned that the Barnes & Noble Bookstore does not have a T-shirt that says “Pitt State – Graduate School”. B.B. will mention it to Fawn, the Bookstore manager. Announcement of the newly approved PSU Doctorate Nursing Program – Clinical based program. It was also suggested that perhaps this group should create a CANVAS User Group similar to what the MBA Association currently uses for communication and discussions.
- Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.