

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

**September 2, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.**

**Balkans Room, Overman Student Center**

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### Minutes

Welcome/Introductions

Present-B.B. Stotts-Faculty Representative, Communications-Alison Smith, Elizabeth Spencer, Taylor Piva, Engineering Technology-Feras Kintab, History-Rosa (Tillie) Fathbruckner, Alex Lahasky, HHPR-Taylor Zingg, Mathematics-Joe Bullock, Ashlee Hashman, Music-Madison Youngberg, Jennifer Whyte, Nursing-Cara Russell, Sacha Degraffenreid-Yates, TWL Career and Technical Ed.-Trudy Hansen

Needing representatives from Biology, Chemistry, Psychology & Counseling, Technology, and TCHL (online representation?)

2015-2016 Officers

- President - Stuart Jeck, HHPR
- Vice President – Need
- Secretary – Cara Russell, Nursing

What is GSAC?-Graduate student body having a voice on campus and being able to have input into the PSU community. Ideas are first passed on to Dr. Kahol. The GSAC group helps with the Graduate Awards Banquet. Dr. Kahol has requested the group be more active and involved this year on campus.

University Committee Representation

- Student Center Board of Governors -
- University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Trudy Hansen
- Athletic Fee Council –
- SGA Representation (2 people) –

Graduate Student Informational Gathering – Fall Date – September 23, 2015 (Wednesday) at 5:00 p.m.

Suggestions for GSAC activities:

- Promoting Graduate studies to the undergraduate programs – Individually going to classes and presenting key points to undergrads about their program, possibly in capstone classes or senior seminar classes.
- When B.B. goes to speak to classes, she would like to have a volunteer from that particular graduate school to go as a representative of their respective graduate program.
- Putting information in the Collegio – Email B.B. if you have Graduate School News
- GSAC Funding Requests for Thesis or Conference Attendance -- GSAC can help facilitate recipients coming back to PSU and sharing knowledge gained.
- Group in the Oval for promoting the Graduate Schools and GSAC?
- Graduate School Showcase – November?
  - Tillie Fathbruckner heading a committee to do the Expo for Grad programs
  - Need other volunteers for committee
  - Need to gather information from the department heads of what they would want included in the Expo.

Research funding available for performing research, presenting research at a conference, and for attending a conference pertaining to your education. Forms are available on the PSU website under GSAC section.

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Review Funding Requests –

- Tyler Henderson - Psychology & Counseling - Thesis Research - Request for \$300 APPROVED
- Jiahong Wang (Annie Manning) – English – Conference (Presenting) – Request for \$300 APPROVED
- Elizabeth Spencer - Communication – Conference (Attending) – Request for \$250 APPROVED

Graduate Needs - Better online resources through the library for History program

Next Meeting October 14<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cara Russell, GSAC Secretary