

# GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

October 14, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Prairie Room – Overman Student Center

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## Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – Members present included Talon Thompson – Physics; Debanjana Ganguly – HRD; Trudy Hansen – CTE; Vicki Smith – MBA; Alex Lahasky – History; Tillie Fathbruckner – History; Liz Spencer – Communication; Ali Smith – Communication; Taylor Zingg – HHPR; Stuart Jeck – HHPR; Dr. Brenda Robers – TCHL; Dr. Pawan Kahol – GCS; and B. B. Stotts - GCS
- Dr. Kahol, Dean of Graduate and Continuing Studies – Introduced two new items that will be presented to the Graduate Council for discussion. He asked the graduate students their thoughts and opinions on the two topics which were 1) Admitting students to graduate school with previous grades of XF (meaning grade of “F” as a result of academic dishonesty. Should there be a policy concerning this situation? 2) Transfer credits for certificate programs? How many should be allowed? Most certificate programs are 18 credit hours – should we allow transfer credits for a certain percentage of the program? Currently we allow 9 credit hours to be transferred to a degree program (degree programs are normally 30+ hours).
- Minutes from September 2, 2015 meeting were reviewed, no changes found.
- Funding Request Applications for the following were review. All were approved:
  - John Candler
  - Shoukath Sulthana
  - Jyothi Kallu
  - Henry Thomas
  - Nada Aljehamy
  - Nawrah Alghamdi
  - Taylor Zingg
  - Lauren Renner
  - Samantha Nitcher
  - S Anadavalli
- Additional Tasks/Events for group 2015 - 2016
  - Graduate Student Informational Gathering – Fall Date: September 23, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.
    - Review the event – over 30 people in attendance, those who attended seemed to like the program especially hearing from the Writing Center. The technology difficulties were distracting but all material presented was good. Hope to have another event in the early Spring semester.
  - Graduate School Showcase – tentative date – November 11, 2015
    - Tillie’s Report – The event will be from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Need all representatives to help cover the table for their program. We encouraged everyone to meet with their Program Coordinator. Advertisement will be going out soon. Please help to encourage students to attend.
  - GSAC Rep. to hold an Info. Night within your program area
  - Fall/Spring picnic?
  - Why Graduate School? Presentations
    - FCS 470 w/ Ms. Cook – 11/2 @3:00 p.m.
    - MATH 699 w/ Dr. Liu – TBD
    - JUST 695 w/ Dr. Cameron – TBD (anytime after 8/24)

- LDSP 600 w/ Dr. Erwin – TBD (any Thursday)
    - GIT 690 w/ Ms. Benson – 10/20 @ 2:00 p.m.
    - TM 606 w/ Dr. Sandford – TBD (anytime)
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    - Tillie's Report
  - Workshops
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  - Fall/Spring picnic?
  - Collegio – Graduate School News – please notice that we are placing more Graduate School ads in the Collegio this year.
  - Other ideas
- Old Business
  - 2015-2016 Officers
    - President – Stuart Jeck, HHPR
    - Vice President – Tillie Fathbruckner has volunteered
    - Secretary – Cara Russell, Nursing
  - University Committee Representation
    - Student Center Board of Governors –
    - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Trudy Hansen
    - Athletic Fee Council – Talon Thompson volunteered to help with this program.
    - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Debanjana Ganguly (new item)
- New Business/For the Good of the Order
- Next Meeting – will be moved to November 4 at 1:00 p.m. so that we can discuss details for the Graduate School Shoecase. No meeting now on November 11, since that is the day of the Graduate School Showcase.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.