

GSAC-Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

January 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

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Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in each attendee's area/department? Introductions of name and department. Attendance included the following members: Cara Russell-Nursing, Jennifer Whyte-Music, Ali Smith-Communication, Tillie Fathbruckner-History, Alex Lahasky-History, Vicki Smith-MBA, Trudy Hansen-KCCTE, Brenda Roberts – TCHL and B.B. Stotts-Graduate Studies
 - Brenda Roberts - Teacher interview day is coming up and registration will be available with Gorillas4Hire
 - History – Will be hiring a professor and are doing interviews at this time. Dr. Daily presented a project in Orlando, FL on WWII.
 - Business – Had architects in to discuss plans for renovating the Kelce building.
 - Trudy Hansen – KCCTE is going on a retreat Wednesday and Thursday of next week. They will talk about vision for the center.

- Graduate School Fall Showcase - 41 people came by, feedback was positive, Dr. Kahol would like to continue to have this event each fall semester. Suggestions to improve the event were:
 - Get more program specific with the event or also do expos in specific department buildings on campus.
 - i.e.: Graduate nursing program and Education program that provide an interdisciplinary program aimed towards school nurses.
 - Get the word out about programs that many people don't know about that are program specific.
 - Move scholarship drawing to the back of the room to draw more people in.

- GSAC will be sponsoring a graduate student informational gathering January 28th, at 5:00 pm in the Sunflower Room in Overman.

- Funding for research requests – gave out \$4,000 last semester, no requests at this time.

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- Research colloquium - Deadline for registration is March 11th. The colloquium is April 7th.
- Graduate Student and Research Awards Banquet is April 25th.
- KU PhD student is requesting help of graduate student councils in the Regent system to help with her project regarding policies in the student handbook that are graduate student specific.
 - i.e.: Family Leave - pregnancy leave for graduate teaching assistants. Is there a policy? We believe on the Pitt State campus this is handled through the HRS department
 - i.e.: Graduate Student sexual harassment and assault policy. Pittsburg State University does have a Sexual Harassment policy that applies to all students, faculty and staff. It is not graduate school specific. The Title IX officer for PSU is Cindy Johnson.
- Discussion of meeting time for next meeting. No date/time decided
- Adjournment at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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