

## GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

February 2, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. | Kansas 1 Room, OSC

### Minutes

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- Attendance: Nine members present; several of our members graduated in December; three new member names were given and hope to attend at our next meeting
- Upcoming Event
  - Graduate Student Informational Gathering
    - Date – Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
    - Location – Sunflower Room, Overman Student Center
    - Program – suggestions (Welcome, Writing Center, Grad System/Candidacy, Research, GSAC remarks)
    - Refreshments – same as fall event
    - Poster – please give to your colleagues and post in your program areas
    - Will be recorded
  - GSAC membership are encouraged to attend this event
- Graduate School Showcase – Overview and results of the event
  - Date – Wednesday, November 8, 2016, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. (much better time, maybe do on the weekend for athletes and students that work)
  - Number of Programs/Departments - 18
  - Number of Students in attendance - 50
  - Resource Tables – Career Services, Financial Assistance, GSAC, Writing Center, Colloquium, other scholarship/research opportunities table
  - Scholarship Drawing - \$250
  - Advertising – Should do a Mr. Bulke e-mail to undergraduate students
- University Committees Representation/Reports
  - Health Fee Council – need a representative – Austin Bailey Volunteered
  - Athletic Fee Council – Talon Thompson is the representative; first meeting to take place during the spring semester
  - University Academic Honesty Committee – Report by Mollie Drapeau – Have already met this semester
- GSAC Funding Request – [7 requests – 7 for Conference (5 presenting)] – All requests were approved. A reminder that if you are awarded funds for thesis research or conference presentations it is expected that you will participate in the PSU Research Colloquium on April 6, 2017. Registration deadline for the colloquium is March 3, 2017.
  - Lynzee Flores – Communication – presenting
  - MacKenzi Tims – Communication – presenting
  - Hannah Ishmael – Communication – presenting
  - Karly Kownslar – Communication – presenting
  - Haley Smith – HHPR – conference attendance (intern)
  - Austin Bailey – Polymer Chemistry – presenting
  - Margaret Cook – Psychology & Counseling – conference attendance
- Best Meeting Day/Time for the group – which day is preferred?
  - Tuesday/Thursday at 2:00 p.m.
  - Suggestions? – Look for an e-mail from B. B. Stotts to survey the group for the best day/time. She will schedule the next meeting for March, probably before Spring Break.
- New Business/For the Good of the Order – What is happening in your department area?
  - Big Event is April 8<sup>th</sup>  
Please sign up if your other organizations are not doing the Big Event; sign-up deadline is March 3  
Link: [http://pittsburgstate.formstack.com/forms/big\\_event](http://pittsburgstate.formstack.com/forms/big_event)  
E-mail Lucy at [tlotspeich@gus.pittstate.edu](mailto:tlotspeich@gus.pittstate.edu) to create a meeting place at the Weede once you sign up for the event.

- Music Recitals for graduate students (considered their thesis) – encourage all of you to attend – look for recital dates in the University Calendar.
  - HHPR graduate student to present her thesis research on Fitness Study; first thesis from the department in a while
  - Polymer Chemistry – many students are involved with journal publications for their research
- Adjournment 3:43pm
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Dates to remember:

- February 9, 2017 – GSAC Graduate Student Informational Gathering at 5:00 p.m.
- March 2, 2017 – Teacher Interview Day at the Weede
- March 10, 2017 – Capitol Research Summit – Graduate Students - Topeka, KS
- March 14, 2017 – Spring Career Day at the Plaster Center
- April 6, 2017 – Research Colloquium at the Overman Student Center; 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; deadline to register online is Friday, March 3, 2017
- April 17, 2017 – Distinguish Thesis
- April 24, 2017 – Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m.
- May 12, 2017 – Commencement, College of Arts & Science and the College of Business
- May 13, 2017 – Commencement, College of Education and College of Technology

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lucy Lotspeich  
GSAC Secretary