

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

March 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. | Prairie Room, OSC

Minutes

- Welcomed everyone and new members
- Reviewed minutes from 2/2/17
 - Things to improve on for Graduate Student Informational Gathering
 - How to get money for research (travel, scholarships, grants, where to find, faculty should know of such things, who to approach on research, maybe a forum page)
 - Would like to see more PhD programs at PSU – lots of research going on here; would keep more students here.
 - DNP was industry driven; the process to have a doctoral program is very lengthy and a long process to approve; not sure doctoral programs match the mission of Pittsburg State University
 - Athletic Training now requires a master's degree
 - Big Event – April 8th - many have comprehensive exams that day and cannot attend and others are participating with another student organization
- Please complete the campus sustainability survey at www.goo.gl/tv3zEs
 - Takes about 5 minutes
 - Trying to get 1,600 student responses
 - Is a collaboration between a communication class and the sustainability committee
 - There are prizes to win by completing the survey
 - Open until 3/17/17
- Invitation to the Leadership Mixer, Thursday, May 4, at 5:00-7:00 pm in the Gorilla Village.
 - RSVP by April 5
 - Open to any student and most clubs
 - Cookout, music, network
 - During Dead Week – Everyone needs a break
- University Committees Update
 - Athletic Fee Council- Talon Thompson
 - Athletics fees that student pay (about \$35) might be going up by \$1-\$5. The money is used for scholarships and how the program is ran.
 - Information Technology Council- Lucy Lotspeich
 - Meeting is scheduled for next week and Lucy will discuss with the committee the following software suggestions:
 - Some programs that would be needed for a grouped program are: Mathematic, Mabel, Minicab, and Lindo
 - Should look into getting Lean Desk for campus
 - Sharepoint is not good
 - SGA- Praveen Guraja
 - Who should be considered in-state and out-of-state
 - Parking pass prices will go up in order to get more money for more parking lots on campus
 - Academic Honesty- Mollie Drapeau
 - Committee met again
 - Three cases for the same instructor
 - Looking how teachers teach classes
- GSAC Funding Request
 - Request now pay for the student registration fee + the funding request amount (\$250-\$300)
 - 10 requests approved for Conference Presentation/Attendance
- Congratulations to:
 - Charith Ranaweera- Polymer Chemistry- Recognized by the Thermoset Resin Formulators Association with the “Excellence in Thermoset Polymer Research Award”
 - Heather Busch- Apple Day Dessert Contest winner – 2nd place
- New Business
 - Psych- Behavior Analyst is about to be a new emphasis area in the Psychology program
 - MST- Possibility of new emphasis in Information Science
 - HHPR- reworking classes, new classes added in spring, hoping to have a stand-alone master's program in exercise science
 - Research in GIT – making air pollution it into ink
- Next Meeting in April, Probably week of 17-21
- Adjournment 3:43pm

Dates to remember:

- 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 8, 2017 – Big Event
- April 17, 2017 – Distinguish Thesis
- April 24, 2017 – Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., ticket RSVP April 14, online at <http://bit.ly/2milVC4>
- May 4, 2017 at 5:00 pm – Leadership Mixer at Gorilla Village
- May 12, 2017 – Commencement, College of Arts & Sciences and College of Business
- May 13, 2017 – Commencement, College of Education and College of Technology

Respectfully submitted by,

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