

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

August 25, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

Medowlark Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – 25 Student representatives were present at our first meeting. Each representative introduced themselves and told what department/program they were from and mentioned where they received their bachelor's degree.
- 2016-2017 Representatives: handout
 - Departments still needing representation: Chemistry, History, Math, Nursing, and TCHL – online representation?
- 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.
- Best Meeting Day/Time – A survey was given to find the best time for the group to meet. Many cannot meet at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday due to class/work conflicts.
- University Committee Representation
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau
 - Athletic Fee Council – Talon Thompson
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Stephanie Spitz is interested but not sure if it will fit her class schedule (It did not work out for her). SGA has contacted the Graduate Office and is still looking for two representatives to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Please let us know if you or a colleague in your graduate program might be interested.
- Additional Tasks/Events for group 2016 - 2017
 - Graduate Student Informational Gathering – Thursday, September 1, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
 - GSAC Rep. to hold an Info. Night within your program area
 - Graduate School Showcase – Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Last year this event was held from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. which was a little long and some students came at the end rushing from work and requested a later end time.
 - Why Graduate School? Presentations – anyone want to help with these?
 - MGMKT 645 w/ Dr. Horner – TBD
 - AT 699 w/ Dr. Frisbee – 9/8 @ 11:00 a.m.
 - FCS 470 w/ Ms. Prelogar – 11/1 @3:00 p.m.
 - FCS 572 w/ Dr. Whitbeck – TBD
 - ENGL 699 w/ Dr. Carlson – TBD
 - MATH 699 w/ Dr. Liu – TBD
 - JUST 695 w/ Dr. Cameron – TBD
 - LDSP 600 w/ Dr. Hattabaugh – TBD (any Thursday)
 - MGMKT 645 w/ Mr. Poe – TBD
 - GIT 690 w/ Ms. Benson – TBD
 - TM 606 w/ Dr. Sandford – TBD (anytime)

- Workshops – It was suggested that we have an International Student workshop targeting exchange students who might want to return to PSU for graduate work. Or, host another workshop on Professional Skills or Professional Development.
- Collegio – Graduate School News – Let us know if things happening in your department that we need to promote.
- Other ideas

- Leadership Roles for the group – consider stepping up. If interested in a leadership role, please e-mail B. B. Stotts with your request at bstotts@pittstate.edu
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary

- New Business/For the Good of the Order

- Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.