

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

October 6, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

Kansas 2 Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – New representatives from Math and Nursing since our first meeting. Meeting attendance was very good at this meeting with 19 representatives present. An updated representative contact list was given to each member present.
- Thank you to the members who volunteered to serve as the 2016-2017 GSAC Officers
 - President – Stephanie Spitz
 - Vice President – Praveen Guraja
 - Secretary – Lucy Lotspeich
- Overview of Graduate School Web Page – Dr. Kahol asked if the group would spend 10-15 minutes reviewing the GCS web page and make suggestions. The feedback received included:
 - Information about graduating needed
 - Minimize the number of clicks to program information
 - Curriculum – GPA – number of credits to graduate
 - Summer classes for grad school
 - Comprehensive exam page needed or more program specifics
 - Looks unorganized, lots of boxes, Dr. Kahol doesn't like our current page
 - "Apply Here" box should be front and center
 - Doesn't flow very well, not level
 - Concise information
 - Videos of students and why they like their program
 - Easy way to access a question – Lead person to ask questions- E-mail box like GIT page
 - Schedule a tour link needed
 - Wichita State University has a nice page

Gregor Kalan, PSU Director of Web Marketing, asked the group what are 3 things you want to know before coming to Pitt State for Graduate School? The students responded with:

- Tuition
 - GA opportunities
 - Programs
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- GSAC Funding Request – (6 requests – 5 for Conference and 1 for Thesis) – All were approved. Students who request funding must present their research at the Research Colloquium in April 2017. Students can receive funding for one Thesis Research and one Conference Attendance/Presentation each academic year.
 - **Thesis Research**
 - Trudy Hansen – Critical Thinking Assessment of the Physical Therapist Assistant Student: How does the Clinical Instructor assess? Funding to cover gas & meals – Travel to Independence, KS – Request: \$100

Conference Attendance/Presentation

- Megan Baker – MS Reading – Attendance: Kansas Reading Association Annual Conference – October 3, 2016 in Ottawa, KS – Request: \$165 (for mileage)
 - Lauren Renner – Psychology & Counseling – Presenting – International Dyslexia Associations Annual Conference w/ Dr. David Hurford – October 27-29, 2016 in Orlando, Florida – Total Cost \$950 each – Request: \$250 for attendance and \$300 for presenting
 - Samantha Nicher – Psychology & Counseling – Presenting
 - Kayleigh Houde – Psychology & Counseling – Attendance
 - Scott Lester – HHPR – Presenting w/ Dr. Carper – October 20-21, 2016 in Arkansas – Central States ACSM Conference – Request \$300 (for lodging and travel)
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- University Committee Reports
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau was not present to give a report but this committee has met this semester.
 - Graduate School Showcase – Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Please visit with your Graduate Program Coordinator and see how you can help with this event. Also, please help to distribute the flyers about this event. It was suggested to have graduate student support service tables at the event as well such as Financial Aid, GA Health Insurance information, and Career Services, highlight graduate research opportunities, etc.
 - Sign-up Sheet for Committee help on upcoming projects:
 - Graduate School Showcase – Alicia Peine and Lucy Lotspeich
 - Graduate School Web page – focus group – Stephanie Spitz, Talon Thompson, Stephanie Potter, Sushma Chithaluri, and Lucy Lotspeich
 - Collegio – Graduate School News – Charith Ranaweera
 - Other ideas
 - New Business/For the Good of the Order – What is happening in your department area?
Students suggested or shared the following:
 - Is funding available for professional development to students?
 - Quality management certification- cost about \$350 – if student passes the professor will waive the comprehensive exams
 - Fall Career Expo in 2 weeks, October 20, 10-2 p.m. , 150 companies, at The Plaster Center
 - MBA Association is touring companies in Kansas City on Friday, November 11. Plan to visit 2 or 3 companies, Cargill, Hallmark Cards, and a couple others. Also trying to plan some in-town tours. To learn more message them on their Facebook page if you would like to go.
 - American Society for Quality student group is starting at PSU
 - Highlight polymer chemistry research
 - Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

*Plan to have another meeting before the Graduate School Showcase the first week of November. Look for date and time to come.