

## GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

November 3, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Kansas 2 Room – Overman Student Center

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### Minutes

- The meeting opened at 1:30 p.m. with a welcome and introductions of all members present.
- Overview of details regarding the Graduate School Showcase – November 8, 2016, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Ballroom A of the Overman Student Center. All departments will be represented with faculty or GSAC student representative. Waiting to hear from one academic department (Math). Five resource tables will be available as well – Financial Aid, Career Services, The Writing Center, GSAC, and Research Colloquium. Set up will start at 1:30 p.m. Advertising in the Collegio, the big electronic sign near Kelce, etc.
- GSAC Funding Request – (5 requests – 5 for Conference)  
The group reviewed the five requests from Brogan Hoover (Psych & Counseling), Nicholas Drake (HHPR), Kylie Brown (HHPR), Charith Gamaralalage (Polymer Chemistry), and Zhuo Wang (Polymer Chemistry). All funding requests were approved.
- University Committee Reports
  - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau reported that this committee has met several times this semester to discuss the academic misconduct of two students who were given and XF for cheating.
- SGA Graduate Student Representation – call for nominations

Request from SGA president Hank Cloninger:

“Unfortunately, we have had a tough time getting graduate students to be interested in joining Student Government this year. This is an issue because how large of a percent of our population they make up. With zero representation the recommendations we make leave out nearly one sixth of the student voice. It is important for us to have their input on continuing programs, fees, and new additions to campus.

As a Graduate Senator for SGA their main time constraint would be our weekly meetings [Wednesday](#) nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Sunflower Room of the Student Center. These meetings typically last one hour to an hour and a half. They would also be asked to serve one office hour during the week. This can be any time between 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The commitment can be as involved as they want from here. Committee work is outside of these times, but if it is with other people in SGA it could possibly be done during their office hour if the office already has another student there.”

The Graduate School is still looking for representation on SGA – please send a name of anyone you feel might be interested in this opportunity to B. B. Stotts, [bstotts@pittstate.edu](mailto:bstotts@pittstate.edu). Praveen Guraja, MST students, showed some interest in this opportunity but he is not available to participate until January 2017.

- New Business/For the Good of the Order – What is happening in your department area?
  - Dr. Kahol asked B. B. Stotts to mention to the group that he has drafted a new Academic Misconduct Policy for the Graduate School – this policy has been created regarding a student getting an XF; Committee will be made up of faculty member giving the XF, Department Chair, Academic Dean, Graduate School Dean, and GSAC president.
  - Department reports:
    - Psych – New faculty member with expertise in Behavior Analyst is proposing a new master’s program with emphasis in Behavior Analyst may be coming soon.
    - MST – ASQ – American Society for Quality Student Organization - Quality Certification for \$30/student – New student chapter is forming at the KTC with Dr. Eli Aba.
    - MBA – Finance Department will be having a pancake feed fundraiser at Applebees; November 11<sup>th</sup> the MBAA group will be touring two companies, Cargill and Spring Venture Group, contact Sara

Freeman for more information. November 16 – speaker Jim McGraw – LEAPP Ahead Workshop, 224 Kelce.

Biology – sponsoring a Blood Drive this week

Communication – Presented at a conference during Fall Break with Dr. Joey Pogue

Polymer Chemistry – Presented at the KCS meeting in Manhattan, KS last month

HRD – hosted a seminar on Safety in the workplace in October

MST – Graphic Design – Addie Award nominations are now being accepted. This is a big competition for those in GIT or advertising.

Special Request for Dr. Kahol – Graduate student concern – parking situation. Is there a way that graduate students or at least G.A.'s could receive Blue Parking permit? Can they get a discounted rate for Blue parking permit? Many G.A.'s in the room are willing to pay partial or full fee for Blue Parking Permit.

- Next Meeting – a December meeting will be called only if needed – funding request or new business
- Graduate School t-shirts were given to each member present. If you could not attend the meeting but would like a t-shirt, please come to 112 Russ Hall to get a t-shirt.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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#### Important Dates:

November 21, 2016 – Final day for first draft of thesis and Ed.S. project

December 12, 2016 – Final day for submission of thesis and Ed.S. project

December 12-16, 2016 - Finals week

December 16, 2016 - Commencement

#### 2016-2017 GSAC Officers

- President – Stephanie Spitz
- Vice President – Praveen Guraja
- Secretary – Lucy Lotspeich