

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

February 12, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – Sixteen people were in attendance at the meeting and shared the following information for things happening in their area: Music – several musical performances this past week including the opera “The Pirates of Penzance”; HRD – faculty and students attended an HRD conference in San Antonio; Physics – students are busy with their research; Biology – many attended the Kansas Natural Resources Conference in Manhattan (Feb.) and the K-IMBRE Conference in Kansas City (Jan.) where Dr. Rider was honored as outstanding faculty mentor; HHPR – has a new G.A., PSU is looking to host the KAHPERD Conference next year, and Exercise Science is doing research on a joint project with K-State testing Lifetime Fitness classes and hope to publish findings; CHEM – students busy preparing for the Colloquium; MST-GIT – students conducting a research project on color vision, looking for students to participate in their survey/testing; No report from HIST or ENGL.
- Guest organizations:
 - Group Photo for 2018 Kanza Yearbook – Abbi Epperson – No picture today, will reschedule.
 - Out of the Darkness: Walk to prevent Suicide – Dakota Cromwell from this organization spoke to the group to invite individuals or organizations to create a team and participate in the “Walk to Prevent Suicide” held on Saturday, March 10, 2018. A goal to earn \$2,000 has already been met but donations are still appreciated. Currently they have raised \$3,500. Funds are being raised for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. To learn more go to:
<https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=5182>
- Blue Parking Permit Proposal for G.A.’s – An update of the proposal was given by B. B. Stotts. She reported that Dr. Kahol sent the proposal to Dr. Ewrin on December 20, 2017 and Dr. Ewrin seemed supportive of it. He gave the information to the Parking Committee for their first meeting of the spring semester which occurred in January 23. Additional information was requested from Dr. Kahol from the committee and our request is still being reviewed and moving forward.
- University Committee Reports
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Derrick Decker & Emilia Cardenas – Not present at February meeting, will report on December 12 meeting next time.
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau & Eric Mullins – One more meeting recently occurred regarding student cheating of a graduate student.
 - Athletic Fee Council – Daniel McDill – No report
 - Health Fee Council – Haley Botts – No report – meeting is scheduled for Friday this week.
 - SGA Representation, need 2 people – Derrick Decker – No report.
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Lucy Lotspeich – No report.
- GSAC Funding Request – (4 conference attendance and research) All requests were approved.
 - Haley Smith, HHPR, Arts & Sciences of Health Promotion Conference, March 26-30, 2018, \$250 - attending
 - Michael Barnes, Biology, Kansas Natural Resources Conference, Feb. 8-9, 2018, up to \$300 – presenting
 - Lynzee Flores, Communication, Midwest Political Science Association, April 5-8, 2018, \$300 – presenting

- Sanket Bhoyate, Chemistry, TRFA 2018 Annual Mtg & Short Course, March 11-14, 2018, \$300 - presenting
 - Graduate Student Essentials: What to know from Admission to Graduation – February 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. in the Governors Room, OSC – encourage all graduate students to attend. Notice new name for this event. If you have not attended one of these information sessions in the past, it is highly recommended that you attend.
 - Information on the James B.M. Schick Midwest Quarterly/Graduate Studies Best Essay competition was given to the group. The essay is open to all students (GR or UG) who completed graduate level work/credit during the competition year (March 1-March 1). The winner earns a cash prize of \$500 and their essay will be published in The Midwest Quarterly. Essay submissions are due by March 1, 2018.
 - Spring Event – Picnic – Planning committee was formed to help plan and schedule this event. Two members volunteered to be on the committee, Lucy Lotspeich (MST-GIT) and Samantha Way (HHPR).
 - Meeting times for Spring 2018 semester: The group discussed best meeting day/times. It was decided that the group will meet on the second Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. Next meeting will be on Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Meadowlark Room, Overman Student Center.
 - New Business/For the Good of the Order – None.
 - Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.
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2017-2018 Officers: President-Lucy Lotspeich | Vice President-Daniel McDill | Secretary-Haley Botts

Dates to remember:

- PSU Classes Start – Jan. 16
- Teacher Interview Day – February 15
- Registration deadline for Colloquium – March 9
- Spring Career Day – March 14
- PSU Spring Break – March 19-23
- Research Colloquium – April 11
- Graduate School and Research Awards Banquet – April 25, 6:00 p.m.