

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

March 12, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes:

- Group Photo for 2018 Kanza Yearbook was taken by Serena Furney on the stairs at the “point” area in the Student Center.
- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department? There were about 10-12 members present. Reports by department include: Chemistry – busy with mid-terms and preparing for the Research Colloquium – registration deadline for the colloquium has been extended; HRD – there is discussion of changing the format of some of their classes – some will be condensed 8 week courses, allowing you to take two 8 week courses during the semester. Physics – looking at next semester class schedule and how to fill the course load; Biology – midterms and preparing for the colloquium, and a workshop at the CTLT regarding Thesis information and references; MBA – the MBA Association is busy working with company partners and summer fundraising efforts for the new College of Business building, the MBA program recently had a visitor to review our MBA program and he gave a good report; MST/GIT – several students submitted work in the ADDY’s competition in Joplin, the department is hosting a conference on March 30 - \$10 to attend and open to all, CCA’s creative works coming up – will give a \$2,000 scholarship; Music – choir concerts coming up, Brass Band concert, group traveling to KCI for Canada and the Pacific NW during spring break to perform; HHPR – Dance showcase this week, many are preparing for the colloquium, HHPR department will host KAHEPRD Conference in October at PSU.
- University Committee Reports
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Derrick Decker & Emilia Cardenas – Frist meeting will be tomorrow, March 13, 2018
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau & Eric Mullins – no report
 - Athletic Fee Council – Daniel McDill – no report
 - Health Fee Council – Haley Botts – committee recommends an \$8/student fee
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Derrick Decker – no report
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Lucy Lotspeich – looking for ways to cut printing costs; plan to reduce the number of labs, had an auditor on campus last week.
- GSAC Funding Request – (2 conference attendance and research) – Both request were approved.
 - David Hollie, Biology, Kansas Natural Resources Conference, Feb. 8-9, 2018, Manhattan, KS, requesting \$70 for registration fee only – presenting
 - Hamid Reza, Polymer Chemistry, The Plastics Technology Conference (ANTEC), May 7-10, 2018, Orlando, FL, requesting \$250 for Conference - attendance + registration fee of \$150
- Graduate Student Essentials: What to know from Admission to Graduation – February 22, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. (follow-up 15-18 in attendance from a variety of programs - MET / MBA / History / Physics / MST / English / School Admin / Psychology)
- Spring Event – Picnic – planning committee report (Samantha and Lucy)
 - Date: Friday, April 27, 2018 from 5-7 p.m.
 - Location: Gorilla Village area
 - Other details – dinner will be “Walking Tacos” and “Walking S’mores” for dessert with bottled water to drink. HHPR will provide games. This should be a fun event and family friendly. Be sure to invite a friend and encourage others to attend. Advertising will be on

the TV's at the OSC and the KTC, posters, announcements, and Bulk-e e-mails to all graduate students.

- Old Business
 - Blue Parking Permit Proposal for G.A.'s – Parking Committee response came back and they have declined our request. Discussion was had on why and perhaps the next step to appeal the decision. B. B. will share the group's disappointment with Dr. Kahol and ask for his guidance for next steps.
 - New Business/For the Good of the Order
 - KBOR on campus tomorrow, March 13, 2018 – meetings for all at 3:00 p.m. in the Weede. Students meet in Room 109. Each meeting is scheduled to last 50 minutes.
 - Announcement – the Spring Career Day is March 14, 2018, this year there is a new app for the fair to show table map/location and list companies attending. Professional photo headshots will also be taken for anyone interested.
 - The meeting adjourned at 4:45 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.