

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

November 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Prairie Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department: Went around the room and discussed anything new/notable events happening in each department. The broadcasting department had a student-made documentary place first in a national competition. HRD program had an alumni workshop and social event at the end of October, it was well attended. Music is having several concerts in the coming weeks including a Holiday Concert on Dec. 1st – all are welcome to attend and Tuba-grams will start soon. English announced a Fiction reading and Poetry reading at the Bicknell Center. Biology and Chemistry mentioned recent attendance at a state conference. MST students are taking their comprehensive exams this Saturday (Good Luck!). Business shared that a PSU Kelce faculty member is currently in Paraguay teaching a class in the PSU in PY program. (16 people in attendance at the meeting)
- University Committee Reports
 - New Request – University Committee on Student Learning: Dr. Olson is creating a new committee on student learning. Committee is still in the developmental stages. A graduate student is needed for this committee. There were a few interested members.
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau & Eric Mullins
 - Athletic Fee Council – Daniel McDill: will meet in the spring
 - Health Fee Council – Haley Botts: will meet in the spring
 - SGA Representation, need 2 people – Derrick Decker: Contact information was given to SGA by Derrick
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Lucy Lotspeich: meets on Wednesday
- GSAC Funding Request – [4 requests – for Conference Presentations]: All approved
 - Jacob Wylie – Chemistry, Conference Presentation – ACS Midwest Regional Meeting, Oct. 19-21, 2017, Lawrence, KS – up to \$300
 - Nicholas Drake, HHPR, Conference Presentation – ACSM Central States Chapter Meeting, Oct. 23-24, 2017, St. Charles, MO – up to \$300
 - MacKenzi Tims, Communication, Conference Presentation – CBI NSEMC, Nov. 2-4, 2017, San Antonio, TX – up to \$300
 - Allen Parrish, Music, Great Plains South Central Tuba/Euphonium Conference, March 15-17, 2018, Canyon, TX – up to \$300: There are 4 of these conferences this year throughout the country. There will be many attending this competition; it is expected to be a large one. Competition in events like these is the equivalent of presenting for music students. 5 other students will also attend.
- Graduate School Showcase – Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. – Review of event: Student traffic was low compared to previous years. Input was requested for better marketing regarding the event. Last year 50 students went through, this year there were only 20 total. Date could have been a contributing factor to low attendance. It was suggested to change the time to when the student center is at its busiest (11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.). Another issue could have been reluctance for students to go upstairs. Teacher recommendation for students to attend could raise numbers as well. Every department was represented during this event. Students overall may just not be attending other university hosted events, so low attendance could be affecting all events. Reward programs were discussed for events overall. It seems more of a campus culture issue.

- Graduate Student “Coffee and Conversation” Social – November 13, 2017 – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Root Coffee House – on Broadway: after meeting.
 - Old Business
 - Blue parking permit for G.A.’s – data research
 - Write a proposal – Samantha Bradshaw and Emilia Cardenas
 - New Business/For the Good of the Order
 - Adjournment: 3:44 PM
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Dates to remember:

- Thanksgiving Break – Nov. 22 – 24
- Finals Week – Dec. 11 – 15
- Commencement – Dec. 15