

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

December 11, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.

Prairie Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department?
HHPR – finishing student research projects; COMM – Cowgirl Documentary this week for Lindsey Walls and other students busy writing their thesis; ENGL – Two December graduates have jobs, one teaching online and one doing student advisement at a college; MUSIC – busy time with recitals, holiday concerts, Tuba grams, and fundraisers; No report from MATH, BIOL, MBA, HRD, MST and HIST. (19 people were in attendance)
- The group received a special treat at our meeting at 3:15 p.m. – a Tuba Gram. Thank you so much to Allen Parrish for arranging this holiday cheer – so fun!!
- Remarks from Dr. Kahol regarding the Tax-Reform Bill. Currently the bill penalizes individuals that donate to universities. The House currently has for Graduate Students to pay taxes on tuition waivers. The Senate does not. If the bill passes, KU & KSU will reduce the number of GA/GTA's to provide larger supplement. Dr. Kahol sent out a Mr. Bulke e-mail to all graduate students to let them know more about this situation and where to find more resource information.
- Blue Parking Permit for G.A.'s – Emilia Cardenas and Samantha Bradshaw helped to draft a proposal to offer the opportunity for G.A.'s to purchase a Blue Parking permit for an additional \$30. The proposal was read and approved by the group. A letter with signatures was presented to Dr. Kahol which he will present to the University for consideration (Dr. Steve Erwin).
- University Committee Reports
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Derrick Decker & Emilia Cardenas – First meeting will be tomorrow, December 12. Will report at January 2018 meeting.
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau & Eric Mullins – No Report
 - Athletic Fee Council – Daniel McDill – Will meet in Spring 2018
 - Health Fee Council – Haley Botts – Will meet in Spring 2018
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Derrick Decker – Has been attending SGA meetings but nothing significant to report
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Lucy Lotspeich – Working on putting technology in the Block 22
- Review of Event: Graduate Student “Coffee and Conversation” Social – November 13, 2017 – 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Root Coffeehouse – This event received two thumbs up! Nice event, it was suggested to have some type of social event each month for graduate students.
- Consider another graduate student social event in the spring – The group was supportive of this idea. Perhaps have a picnic/pot luck meal by the Gorilla Village. Open to all graduate students and family. Also invite perspective students or seniors thinking about graduate school to attend.
- GSAC Funding Request – None this month.
 - New form – using an online form now via ABC Sign-up
- Meeting times for Spring 2018 semester – A survey will be sent out once we return from break to decide the first meeting date.

- New Business/For the Good of the Order – It was proposed to look at the funding limits for Conference Attendance. Currently you can only request one conference per academic year. Some programs require or highly encourage attendance at two conferences. Would like to consider allowing individuals the opportunity to ask for funds for multiple conferences. B. B. Stotts said she would review the request with Dr. Kahol for his consideration. She also mentioned that multiple conference requests had been considered in the past on a case by case scenario. Some departments have funds available to assist with conferences as well.
 - The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.
 - Congratulations to all graduates! Safe travels and Happy Holidays to all ☺
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Dates to remember:

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