GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting
August 30, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.
Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center
Meeting Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – Each GSAC member introduced themselves, told what graduate program they are in, if they are new to GSAC, and if they are new to PSU where did they earn their undergraduate degree. We had 16 members, Dr. Kahol, and B. B. Stotts attend the meeting.

- Dr. Kahol, Dean of the Graduate School, gave opening remarks and encouraged the group to be active and to use GSAC as an avenue for communication on how to make their graduate school experience meet their needs or make it better. Graduate students make up more than 18% of the PSU student population and should have an impact on our campus.

- 2018-2019 Representatives:
  Biology – David Hollie and Ashleigh Elbert
  Chemistry -Ren Bean
  Polymer Chemistry - Camila Zsquine
  Communication - Nick Bartelli and Ryann Wiseman
  Engineering Technology – Harpreet Singh and Chaitanya Kodavala
  English – Chanda Williams and Tyler Breedlove
  HHPR - Samantha Way and Carianne Cuevas
  History –
  MBA – Emilia Cardenas and Chandler Templin
  Mathematics – James Beyer and Haley Botts
  Music – Emilia Cardenas
  Nursing - Stormy Carter and Terri Johnson
  Physics - Michael Anderson
  Psychology & Counseling – Amanda Welch and Jose (J.P.) Parlade
  Teaching and Leadership (Education Leadership) –
  Teaching and Leadership (Education Technology) – Megan Klein
  Teaching and Leadership (Special Education) –
  Teaching and Leadership (Reading, Secondary or Elementary) -
  Teaching and Leadership (ESOL) -
  TWL - Technology - Aakash Bhinde and Karan Gangani
  TWL - Technology/GIT - Kelsey Colwell
  TWL – Career and Technical Education -
  TWL – Human Resource Development - Mollie Drapeau and Kala Bartelsmeyer
  Departments still needing representation: History, TCHL – online representation and Career & Tech Ed.

- Overview of GSAC
  GSAC strives to have student representation form each program area. Our mission consists of three parts; 1) to facilitate communication among graduate students, faculty and administrators; 2) to promote professional development and interaction among the graduate population; 3) to act as a source of information and guidance. PSU strives to have a shared governance organization so that all groups have a voice on campus – GSAC is that organization for graduate students. We have graduate student representation on many university committees and work groups. Membership in the GSAC is open to all graduate students enrolled at Pitt State. We have monthly meetings and any graduate student is welcome to attend. GSAC also provides

funding for graduate students doing research and/or attending/presenting at a conference. GSAC also helps to coordinate and support several campus events each semester such as the Graduate School Essentials workshop, Graduate School Showcase, coffee gathering and picnic.

- Best Meeting Day/Time for the group – Thursdays at 3:15 p.m. seems to be a good day to meet each month for most of the group. B. B. Stotts will select the dates for the meetings and will communicate to the group those dates.

  Meeting dates are scheduled for September 20; October 18; November 15; and December 6, for the fall semester. Meetings will take place in the Overman Student Center, room TBD, at 3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

- University Committee Representation – call for members interested in serving were taken.
    o University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau
    o Athletic Fee Council – Chandler Templin
    o Health Fee Council – Samantha Way
    o SGA Representation , need 2 people – Still seeking volunteers
    o Information Technology Council (ITC) – Ashleigh Elbert
    o University Committee on Student Learning – Still seeking volunteers

- GSAC Funding Request – [1 request – for Conference]
    o Praveen Guraja – EdS Workforce Development and Education, Conference, Kansas City, MO; November 7-9, 2018 – *Approved by the group and will be awarded up to $300 for presenting at the conference plus up to $200 for the student conference registration fee.*

- Additional Tasks/Events for group 2018 - 2019
    o Graduate School Essentials workshop – Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sunflower Room - OSC
    o GSAC Rep. to hold an Info. Night within your program area
    o Graduate School Showcase – November 13 or 14 – TBD (last year--Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.) – Group feedback suggested having the event later in the day from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. – cocktail hour or "Mocktails and Masters"
    o Why Graduate School? Presentations – any member is welcome to attend classes with B.B. Stotts once they are scheduled
    o Collegio – Graduate School News – It was suggested to contact the Collegio Editor and see if they are willing to post upcoming events, department news, and/or highlight a graduate student regularly in the Collegio. Emilia volunteered to contact the Collegio since she knows the editor. It was suggested that GSAC write the piece and give to them and also to give this information to Janelle Williams in the Graduate Office to post on the Graduate School's Facebook page.
    o GSAC Constitution/By-laws document – this document needs to be updated. Tyler Breedlove from the English program volunteered to assist with this task.
    o G.A. Parking Permit proposal – Spring 2018 GSAC sent in a proposal for G.A.'s to have the option to purchase a Blue Parking Permit, which was denied approval. There is significant interest to try again this academic year for this request/proposal.
    o Other ideas

- Leadership Roles for the group – Call for nominations for volunteers for the office of Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer were taken and the spots were filled. Thank you!
    o President – Samantha Way
    o Vice President – Kala Bartelsmeyer
    o Secretary – Chandler Templin

- New Business/For the Good of the Order
One student suggested for the College of Technology programs to work with their Program Coordinators to share information to the employers coming to COT Company Days on September 18 & 19 about online class offerings that companies might be interested in sharing with their staff for professional development

- Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.