

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

September 20, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- The meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. with the “Welcome/Introductions”. We had fourteen members in attendance plus advisors B. B. Stotts and Brenda Roberts and guest speaker Stephanie Spitz. The following departments reported: HHPR – Upcoming ACM Conference and Research; ENGL – Dr. Hermansson is working to publish a handbook; HRD - hosting a conference on Oct. 25-26 at the KTC; KCOB – working on their accreditation and an audit for the MBA program in late October; MUSIC – hosting their annual fundraiser dinner with the theme of “Broadway” shows.
- 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 Bhide and Karan Gangani
 - TWL - Technology/GIT - Kelsey Colwell
 - TWL – Career and Technical Education -
 - TWL – Human Resource Development - Mollie Drapeau and Kayla Thomas (Bartelsmeyer)Departments still needing representation: History, TCHL – online representation and Career & Tech Ed.
- Minutes from August 30, 2018 meeting were distributed via e-mail and approved.
- Stephanie Spitz, Campus Victim Advocate, spoke to the group to share more about her role on campus and the resources available for all students, faculty and staff. Her office is located at the Bryant Student Health Center.
- A GSAC group photo was taken and will be used on the GSAC web page. Thank you to Madison Wooldridge for taking the photo.
- University Committee Representation
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau – no report
 - Athletic Fee Council – Chandler Templin – n/a – will meet in Spring 2019
 - Health Fee Council – Samantha Way – n/a – will meet in Spring 2019
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Mr. Bulke sent out by Dr. Kahol
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Ashleigh Elbert – will report at next GSAC meeting on the committee meeting held on Monday, September 24, 2018
 - University Committee on Student Learning – representative needed

- GSAC Funding Request – [7 request – for Conference Presentation (4) Conference Attendance (3)] – All requests were approved.
 - Kaustubh Mhatre, MET, Conference Presentation – 2018 ATMAE Annual Conference, November 6-9, 2018 in Kansas City. Presentation Title: The Role of Six Sigma in Energy Auditing; - \$300 request.
 - Megan Brown – Psychology and Counseling, Conference Presentation - \$300 Request
 - Courtney Hensler, Psychology and Counseling, Conference Presentation - \$300 Request
 - Cheyenne McDonald, Psychology and Counseling, Conference Presentation - \$300 Request – 2018 Reading, Literacy, and Learning Annual International Dyslexia Conference, October 24-27, 2018, Mashantucket, CT; Presentation Title: Dyslexia and ADHD Often Coincide. Why a Dyslexia Evaluation Must Also Include an Assessment of ADHD
 - Bayan Dous, Chemistry, Conference Attendance - \$250 Request
 - Balgees Alshanqeti, Chemistry, Conference Attendance - \$250 Request
 - Nehad Nawafawi, Chemistry, Conference Attendance - \$250 Request – 2018 Midwest Regional Meeting ACS, October 21-23, 2018, Ames, IA at Iowa State University

- Tasks/Events for group 2018 – 2019
 - Gorilla Engage – be sure to accept this invitation that was e-mailed to you around Sept. 7
 - Graduate School Essentials workshop – Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sunflower Room – OSC. Please plan to attend if you can.
 - Graduate School Showcase – An alternative event by Building/Program was discussed by the group. It was suggested to promote graduate programs more by Faculty reaching out to potential students, showcase research projects to fit students with faculty projects, highlight G.A. opportunities, and provide testimonials of future job opportunities.
 - Collegio – Graduate School News – Emilia shared information on how we can provide the Collegio with a graduate student spotlight and to share upcoming events by department to give more exposure to our graduate programs.
 - GSAC Constitution/By-laws document needs to be revised and updated. Tyler Breedlove has volunteered to help with this task.
 - G.A. Parking Permit proposal – need to re-submit proposal again this year. Dr. Kahol gives his support and suggest that we invite the chair of the Parking Committee to a GSAC meeting to learn more about their concerns. B. B. Stotts will reach out to the chair and invite them to one of our meetings.
 - Other ideas – the group discussed organizing another “Coffee and Conversation” event for this semester. Emilia and Chandler volunteered to take the lead on organizing this event in late October or early November.

- New Business/For the Good of the Order – none.

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Officers: President – Samantha Way * Vice President – Kayla Thomas * Secretary/Treasurer – Chandler Templin

Graduate Student Essentials ~What you need to know from Admission to Graduation~
September 26, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sunflower Room of the Overman Student Center

Meeting Dates: October 18, 2018, November 15, 2018, and December 6, 2018
Meetings will take place in the Meadowlark Room of the Overman Student Center at 3:15 p.m.