

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

October 18, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Guest Speaker – Ms. Mindy Cloninger from Career Services spoke to the group and highlighted many of the services available to students, alumni and the community. Career Services is located at 202 & 203 Horace Mann and can assist students with the job search, applying for graduate school or professional schools. They help with everything from resume writing, mock interviews, career fairs and more. She encourages all students to come see them. Employers have mentioned that some new hires seem to struggle with communication skills and the initiative to start/work a project. Career Services is happy to work with GSAC in the future to offer a professional development workshop. Do we have any suggestions for topics?
- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department?
Many departments and students are attending professional organization conferences this week and next including Chemistry and HHPR where they are presenting. The MBA Association will be hosting an employer breakfast next week in conjunction with the Career Expo at 7:30-9:00 a.m. on October 25th. In addition, Kelce COB, had AACSB auditors (Deans from other campuses) visit campus last Monday. It was a positive visit.
- 2018-2019 Representatives: (highlighted students in attendance)
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 Kayla Thomas (Bartelsmeyer)
Departments still needing representation: History, TCHL – online representation and Career & Tech Ed.
Faculty/Staff sponsors: Brenda Roberts, TCHL and B. B. Stotts, GCS
Guest – Taylor Humphries – TCHL Ed. Leadership
- Minutes from September 20, 2018 meeting were distributed via e-mail

- University Committee Representation
 - University Academic Honesty Committee Nominee – Mollie Drapeau – no report
 - Athletic Fee Council – Chandler Templin (Spring)
 - Health Fee Council – Samantha Way (Spring)
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Mr. Bulke sent out by Dr. Kahol
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Ashleigh Elbert – e-mailed report – The September 24, 2018 ITC meeting shared the mission of the committee...” to create an environment that employs the application of emerging & proven technologies to support all aspects of the University...” Other highlights from the meeting include the move from Zimbra to Outlook e-mail Fall 2019; results of the IT Security Audit performed at PSU last spring by LPA. Security Training is now required for all employees, G.A.’s and student employees. If not done by October 31st, their account will be locked; Computer Lab Study and recommendation for summer 2019; Software2 in place by Fall 2019; and Complete Foundry IT at Block 22.
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Committee chair as asked that Nick Bartelli and Emilia Cardenas to remain on the committee. They both served last year. Emilia respectfully declines this request. B. B. will follow up with Nora regarding this request.

- GSAC Funding Request – [12 request – for Conference Presentation (6) Thesis Funding (6)] *All requests approved at the October 18 2018 meeting and the students will receive an e-mail notification with the approval.*
 - Katherine Pinto, HHPR, KAPERD conference; October 24-26, 2018 in Emporia, KS - \$150 request.
 - Amy Hammesfahr, Biology, Thesis, Maternity Roosting ecology of the little brown, tricolored and northern long-eared bats in southeastern Missouri; \$300 request.
 - Tara McCoy, Psychology & Counseling, Thesis, Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to Increase Psychological Flexibility in children with Autism; \$300 request.
 - Carly Johnson, Psychology & Counseling, Thesis, Assessment and Treatment of Language Disorder in Children diagnosed with Autism; \$300 request.
 - Griffin Williams, Psychology & Counseling, Thesis, Online Stimulus Equivalence Procedure to Accelerate Student Learning, \$300 request.
 - Melissa Stiffler, Psychology & Counseling, Thesis, Using Acceptance and Commitment Therapy to increase dietary diversity in children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, \$300 request.
 - Chelsey Farris, Psychology & Counseling, Thesis, Functional Communication Training and Sign Language.
 - Jacob Wylie, Chemistry, Conference Attendance, Southwest Regional ACS meeting, Little Rock, AR, November 7-10, \$250 request.
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 - Saloni Darji, Chemistry, Conference Presentation, ACS Midwest meeting, Ames, IA, on October 21-23, 2018, \$300 request.
 - Sneha Ramanujam, Chemistry, Conference Presentation, ACS Midwest meeting, Ames, IA, on October 21-23, 2018, \$300 request.
 - Dagen Worthington, Chemistry, Conference Presentation, Southwest Regional ACS meeting, Little Rock, AR, November 7-10, \$250 request.
 - Samantha Way, HHPR, Conference Attendance, KAPERD conference, October 24-26, 2018 in Emporia, KS - \$150 request.

- Old Business
 - Graduate School Showcase – Alternative event by Building
 - GSAC Coffee and Conversation – date? – Emilia mentioned that she has visited with Signet Coffee and they have welcomed us to have our event there. Emilia will e-mail the group to search for a good date.

- GSAC Group Photo – a copy of the photo was shared with the group and it will be on the GSAC page of the Graduate School web site soon.
- New Business/For the Good of the Order
 - SGA Allocations interview – GSAC had an interview on Monday, Oct. 15 – request reimbursement of \$150 for spring 2018 event.
 - Other – Aakash Bhinde shared with the group information about Diwali 2018, presented by the Indian Student Association on November 10, 2018, 5:30 p.m. in the Crimson & Gold Ballroom of the Overman Student Center. The event is free but dinner tickets are \$15 and there will be a firework show at the end. All are welcome to attend!!

- Adjournment at 4:08 p.m.

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

Meeting Dates: 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.