

# GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

November 15, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center

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## Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department? HHPR department shared that they attended several state professional organization conferences in October where their students presented sessions and several received awards; Biology department shared they are getting ready to present at K-INBRE in January and another conference in New Orleans in March; Polymer Chemistry majors just presented at the Southwest Regional ACS conference in Little Rock, AR; Psychology & Counseling will be having an event at PSU next month on Social Psychology; GIT mentioned that nominations for the Addy Awards are due soon, the awards banquet will be in February in Joplin; English department mentioned that submissions for the Cal Creek Review are due soon and encouraged any major to submit their work; DNP and Nursing students are preparing for their poster presentations and scholarly projects; HRD held a conference in October with attendance of 120+ professionals; TCHL will be preparing for two conferences held next semester – February is the Leadership Forums and April is a Reading Literacy conference.
- 2018-2019 Representatives: (highlighted names 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 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.  
Faculty/Staff Sponsors: Brenda Roberts and B. B. Stotts
- Minutes from October 18, 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 – Reported on the November meeting where they learned 1) Project management for ITS – how they prioritize project request; 2) Computer lab usage of computers and programs, looking to pare down the number computer labs and looking at universal software for students to use on their own devices

- University Committee on Student Learning – Nick Bartelli – no report
- GSAC Funding Request – [2 requests – for Conference Presentations] - APPROVED
  - Chen Zhao, Polymer Chemistry, Conference Presentation, Southwest Regional ACS meeting, Little Rock, AR, November 7-10, \$300 request.
  - Xavier Martinez, Chemistry, Conference Presentation, Southwest Regional ACS meeting, Little Rock, AR, November 7-10, \$300 request.
- Cara took the Kanza Group Photo at 3:40 p.m. – A group photo for the yearbook.
- Meeting dates/time for Spring 2019 – Look for a survey to come to you to help set the meeting dates for the spring semester. The group suggested an afternoon time of 3:00 p.m. or later.
- Old Business
  - GSAC Coffee and Conversation – date? – It was discussed the best time to have this event. Two date were presented, December 3 or December 10. (Due to short notice of event, it has been decided to hold this event in January as a “welcome back” event for all graduate students.
  - SGA Allocations – GSAC had an interview on Monday, Oct. 15 – request reimbursement of \$150 for spring 2018 event. SGA notified us on November 6 that our allocation was approved for \$100.49.
- New Business/For the Good of the Order
  - Create sub-committees to help with:
    - By-laws (Tyler and Chanda)
    - Blue Parking Permit for GA's – J.P. Parlade
    - Building Events to promote Graduate School programs – 1) have a give-a-way to gain attention to our booth or table to draw students to us; 2) hold the event in the Crossroads section of the Overman Student Center near the Gorilla Crossing rather than an academic building; 3) would like to see us engage faculty more to share graduate school options with their students.
  - Other
    - New graduate programs
      - Master of Arts in Teaching (Elementary Education K-6)
      - Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Special Education (High Incidence Elementary Education)
      - Graduate Certificate in Building Principal
      - Master of Science in Materials Science
      - Online Professional MBA with emphasis in Accounting, General Administration, International Business, or Human Resource Development (begins January 2019)
- Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

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

Meeting Dates: December 6, 2018  
Overman Student Center at 3:15 p.m.

Commencement – December 14 at 5:00 p.m. (COE & COT) and 8:30 p.m. (COAS & COB)