

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

September 25, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

Meadowlark Room – Overman Student Center

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – It was announced that the Communication Lab in the Axe Library will have an Open House on Monday, September 30 at 10:00 a.m.; The MET program is trying to organize a student IEEE organization; The School of Nursing is going through the accreditation process in November, and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for new equipment and updated lecture classroom on October 4; Several Violence Prevention workshops and activities are planned for the month of October, a handout was shared with the group of these activities.

- 2019-2020 Representatives: Those in attendance are highlighted in yellow.
 - Biology – Abigail Morgan and Amy Hammesfahr
 - Chemistry -
 - Polymer Chemistry -
 - Communication – Shane Adcock
 - Engineering Technology – Filipe Santos and Rhett Lokey
 - English – Cody Mick and Kayla McCollough
 - HHPR – Abbey Sommerauer and Josh Hudiburg
 - History –
 - MBA –
 - Materials Science – Tenzin Ingsel and J. Choi
 - Mathematics – Jordan Bailey and Robbie Custer
 - Music – Davis Erickson and Whitley Chesney
 - Nursing – Bailey Kuhlman
 - Physics – Brendan Schmitz and Merab Basilaia
 - Psychology & Counseling – Jose (J.P.) Parlade and Megan Woodfield
 - Teaching and Leadership (Education Leadership) –
 - Teaching and Leadership (Education Technology)
 - Teaching and Leadership (Special Education) –
 - Teaching and Leadership (Reading, Secondary or Elementary) -
 - Teaching and Leadership (ESOL) -
 - TWL - Technology – Abhishek Singh and Rohan Dutta
 - TWL - Technology/GIT - Kelsey Colwell
 - TWL – Career and Technical Education -
 - TWL – Human Resource Development -
 - Departments still needing representation: Chemistry, History, MBA, TCHL – online representation, HRD and Career & Tech Ed.
 - Faculty/Staff Representative – B. B. Stotts

- Overview of GSAC was reviewed.

GSAC strives to have student representation from 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 information table, coffee gathering and picnic.

- Look for a Doodle Poll to be sent out to the group to determine the best meeting day/time for the group to set the October and November meeting dates.
- Volunteers were accepted to serve on the following university committees:
 - University Academic Honesty Committee – Kelsey Colwell
 - Library Services Committee – J.P. Parlade
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Manaswini Bhamidipati
 - Student Sustainability Fund Committee – Amy Hammesfahr
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Jordan Bailey
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Shane Adcock
 - Athletic Fee Council – (meets in the spring)
 - Health Fee Council – (meets in the spring)
- GSAC Funding Request – The following seven funding request were reviewed and all approved.
 - Nikhila Bashett, MST – Graphics Management; Tilford Conference, Oct 3-4, 2019, Lawrence, KS; Presenting - \$300
 - Manaswini Bhamidipati – MST – Info. Technology; ATMEA Conference, Nov 6-8, 2019, Charlotte, NC; Presenting - \$300
 - Sakshi Bhati, MA Communication; 105th Annual National Communication Conference (NCA), Nov 14-17, 2019, Baltimore, MD; Attending - \$250
 - The following four students are attending the 2019 Reading, Literacy and Learning Annual International Dyslexia Conference, Nov 7-10, 2019, Portland, OR:
 - Kristy Bohan, MS Psychology; Attending - \$250
 - Megan Brown, EdS School Psychology; Attending - \$250
 - Kamri Dell, EdS School Psychology; Attending - \$250
 - Erykah McClendon, MS Psychology; Attending - \$250
- Additional Tasks/Events for group 2019 - 2020
 - Graduate School Essentials workshop – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
 - GSAC Representatives to man a booth in the Gorilla Crossing area of the student center -
 - Collegio – Graduate School News
 - GSAC Constitution/By-laws document – Megan and Shane volunteered to update our current bylaws
 - G.A. Parking Permit proposal – Still waiting on an official response
 - Other ideas
- Leadership Roles for the group – Volunteers to serve were encouraged to step up. Thanks to those who volunteered to serve. If you would like to volunteer for president, please feel free to contact B. B. Stotts to learn more.
 - President – still seeking a person to serve
 - Vice President – Megan Woodfield
 - Secretary – Kelsey Colwell
- New Business/For the Good of the Order – A few suggestions or concerns were shared with the group regarding the difference between a GTA and GRA – why does GTA require enrollment in six credits while a GRA requires enrollment in nine credits plus research. Also, in some departments depending on your major emphasis, it might require some GTA's to teach more classes – is there an official policy on how many classes a GTA should teach? A question regarding the appointment process for payroll was asked to see if other departments had any concerns or problems appointing their GA's this semester. Thesis students would like to see a

template created to assist students with a thesis format. In addition, more activities for graduate students is welcomed.

- Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.