

GSAC – Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting

October 24, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

115 Axe Library

Minutes

- Welcome/Introductions – What is happening in your area/department?
The Biology Department is working on establishing a chapter of the National Wildlife Society and are getting ready for the HS Science Day in the spring; The Communication Department recently opened the new Communication Lab located in 026 Axe Library; HHPR Department is helping to host the 99th KAHPERD Conference on our campus this week; Math Department is busy with administering the Basic Skills test in their classes; the Music Department is hosting several events tomorrow, 10/25, recitals, OcTuba Fest, and Brass concert on 10/30; The Psychology club is hosting “Scream Screens” on 10/25, Friday at 7:30 p.m. in 103 Whitesitt; On November 22, at 1:00 p.m. in the KTC, room S102, a workshop on how to get Doctoral Degree.
- 2019-2020 Representatives: (Those in attendance are highlighted)
Biology – Abigail Morgan and Amy Hammesfahr
Chemistry -
Polymer Chemistry -
Communication – Shane Adcock
Engineering Technology – Filipe Santos Araujo 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 Advisors: B. B. Stotts
- President Election Results – e-mail ballot went out the week of Fall Break
Candidates: Shane Adcock, Filip Santos Araujo, and Tenzin Ingsel
Shane Adcock was elected GSAC President 2019-2020. Thank you to all three candidates for being willing to serve.
- Best Meeting Day/Time for the group – results of Doodle Poll
October 24 at 2:00 p.m. in 115 Axe Library to see the new renovations and November 22 at 2:00

p.m. in Kansas 2 room in the Overman Student Center.

Next semester will have new day/time and hope more of the group can attend.

- University Committee Representation
 - University Academic Honesty Committee – Kelsey Colwell – no report
 - Library Services Committee – J.P. Parlade – no report
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Manaswini Bhamidipati – no report
 - Student Sustainability Fund Committee – Amy Hammesfahr – meeting this week
 - SGA Representation , need 2 people – Jordan Bailey – no report
 - University Committee on Student Learning – Shane Adcock – meeting next Tuesday
 - Athletic Fee Council – (meets in the spring)
 - Health Fee Council – (meets in the spring) - Abbi Mogan

- GSAC Funding Request – [2 requests – for Conference] – Both request are approved.
 - Alex Gourlay, MST – Graphics Management; Adobe MAX, November 4-6, 2019, Los Angeles, CA; Attending - \$250
 - Katherine (Kate) Allred, MA in Communication; Broadcast Education Association & National Association of Broadcasters Convention, April 19-22, 2020, Las Vegas, NV; Presenting - \$300

- Additional Tasks/Events for group 2019 - 2020
 - Graduate School Essentials workshop – Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. This was a nice event with about 15-20 in attendance. Those who attended found it very beneficial.
 - GSAC Representatives to man a booth in the Crossroad area of the student center – a suggestion of the event name is “The Grad Gab at the Crossroads – Come learn more about Graduate School”. After discussion with the group, we will plan several dates in the spring semester to man this table. Shane also recommended that we create conversations in our classes that we (GA’s) are teaching to let them know more about Graduate School.
 - GSAC Constitution/By-laws document – Megan and Shane are working on this document.
 - G.A. Parking Permit proposal – Shared the e-mail response from Dr. Steve Erwin consider this proposal – “I know that (approval of proposal) was the recommendation of the Parking Committee, but at this time we are not acting on that recommendation. There are logistical issues as well as uncertainty about the impact on blue parking availability for faculty and staff that influences the decision as to whether to move forward on this.”
 - Other ideas – Shane ask the group if they are willing to meet more than once a month, perhaps have one meeting online or through a discussion board within Canvas. B. B. said she would contact the CTLC to see about creating a group within Canvas for GSAC.

- Old Business – 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. *This statement is not true, all domestic GA’s must be enrolled in 6 credit hours and international students must be enrolled in 9 credit hours as their visa requires. All GA positions have the same requirements – Administrative GA, GTA, or GRA.* 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? *Dr. Kahol and the Graduate School ask that you track how many hours a week you are working. Full-time GA’s should not work more than 20 hours a week. If you feel that you are working more than 20 hours a week, please talk to your department chair.* 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. *A sample thesis format is available and the*

Writing Center is available to help create a template. Please seek assistance from the Writing Center. In addition, more activities for graduate students is welcomed.

- New Business/For the Good of the Order
Shane is excited about serving as the GSAC President. He will be seeking several ways to increase discussion and events for graduate students. Please look for more information to come.

- Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.