

## GSAC Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021 at a pm via Zoom

- I. Welcome - B.B. Stotts admitted participants to join the Zoom meeting. Attendees included seven participants - Mary Whiteacre, Megan Munger, Latayzia Harris, Davis Erickson, Kevin Stalsberg, Jenifer McDonald and B.B Stotts.
- II. Minutes from March 8, 2021 meeting - emailed on March 12, 2021. Latayzia opened the meeting and asked for the minutes to be approved as submitted.
- III. University Committee Representation/Reports - Latayzia thanks committee volunteers.
  - A. Library Services Committee - Jenifer McDonald - reported:
    1. Gail Yarick is currently the chair due to Stella Hastings out on leave.
    2. There is money set aside for articles that PSU cannot get. Talk to Interlibrary loan to get the articles purchased.
    3. Canopy streaming video-if you need a license for a full year, ask the library.
    4. There is a virtual boot camp for how to write an article in PubLinks. April 19th is the deadline to register (faculty and staff only).
    5. Committee is working on updated policies and procedures.
    6. Basic remodeling will have certain sections of the library closed to the public.
  - B. Academic Honesty Committee - Davis Erickson - no report
  - C. Student Learning Committee - Megan Munger - no report
  - D. Information Technology Council (ITC) - Filipe Santos Araujo – the last meeting was held on October 6, 2020 and the meeting minutes can be found at:  
<https://www.pittstate.edu/it/information-technology-services/information-technology-council.html#undefined1>
- IV. Old Business
  - A. **Goal Setting** - Coffee and Conversation will be scheduled for Friday, April 23rd at 5 pm. The event will be open to current and potential graduate students. Topics include “getting to know each other” and “GSAC services offered”. Latayzia will work on advertising for the event and the platform will be FB Rooms. Go to FB and like “PSU Graduate Student Advisory Council.”
  - B. **Commencement Concerns** - We received a response, they are not making changing now (in March), but will wait and see as we get closer to the event date

if any changes can be made. GSAC requested to have the hooding ceremony of graduate students at commencement and the possibility to allow more guest.

1. B.B. talked to the Provost – they are open to some of the options, including the hooding ceremony; moving from 4 guest to 6 guests; format and times are the same. Thanks, given to Kevin for the letter sent voicing our concerns.
- C. **Blue Parking Permit for G.A.'s** - Davis sent a very professional letter to Dr. Erwin which fixed the issue for next fall, however he suggests that someone follow-up this summer. Starting 2021-2022 academic year, G.A.'s will have the option to purchase a Blue Parking permit.
1. B.B. talked with the Provost and they will send a file that lists all GAs to Dr. Erwin for the option of G.A.'s to purchase a Blue Permit at full price, approximately \$100. G.A.'s will go to University Parking with their University ID to get the option to trade in their Brown Permit to purchase a Blue Permit. Thank you to Davis.

#### V. New Business

- A. Coffee & Conversation event - Latayzia asked for any suggestions for the Coffee and Convo. B.B. offered to send out a message via Mr. Bulk-e. Latayzia will write a message and send to B.B. for approval and dissemination.
- B. Elections
  1. Per By-laws, elections are held in the fall so nominations and the vote will be the first meeting of the fall. Offices open are: President, VP, and Secretary.
  2. Jenifer McDonald will run the first meeting in the fall for a smooth transition.

#### VI. For the Good of the Order/Announcements

- A. Mary brought up awful housing issues in Pittsburg. Megan suggested A&R Rental; B.B. suggested looking into Jim Bishop realty; Davis suggested Summerfield.
- B. Jenifer will work with Blake and Julie at the Chamber of Commerce to see what information that could be shared with Graduate Students.
- C. B.B. mentioned a committee that works with the City about housing issues. Latayzia thought about a Tenants Union, and to ask Shane Adcock.
- D. Kevin brought up IRB Process and the new requirements. B.B. stated it was the new person in the role that is ensuring that all Federal guidelines and regulations are met that will be required for federal grants.

- E. Congrats to Megan Munger - winner of James B. M. Schick Midwest Quarterly/Graduate Studies Best Essay.
  - F. Congratulations to Davis on his new job where he will be teaching high school music for a school district in western Kansas.
- VII. Congratulations to all Spring 2021 Graduates!!
- May 2021 Graduates** – Shane Adcock, Rhett Lokey, Thad White, Abbey Sommerauer, Josh Hudiburg, Latayzia Harris, Saimul Chowdhury, Tenzin Ingsel, Laura Phillips, Davis Erickson, Merab Basilaia, J. Choi, Felipe de Souza, Megan Woodfield, Abbigail Epperson, Cameron Tournear, Russell Cramer, Ashley Ladd, Natalie Heins, Whitley Chesney, Kelly Keys, Anna Mashburn, Ryan Zafuta, Kevin Stalsberg
- December 2020 Graduates** – Amy Hammesfahr, Filipe Santos Araujo, Layla Taylor, Michael Deguerre, Judy Callahan, Tara Wilbert
- VIII. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm  
Next meeting is in the fall.

The recorded Zoom meeting can be found at:

[https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/V7kY7\\_rZ7ZjNVPQ8pNDppP9Gr8QAHyUmQVtArDPSOEyz2AY9tlwT5jCAYsVcCq8j.vSC-CEcoMeLyKjVk](https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/V7kY7_rZ7ZjNVPQ8pNDppP9Gr8QAHyUmQVtArDPSOEyz2AY9tlwT5jCAYsVcCq8j.vSC-CEcoMeLyKjVk)

Respectfully submitted by,  
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