

## Minutes

- I. Welcome – B. B. Stotts admitted participants to join the Zoom meeting. Attendees included eight participants – Mary Whiteacre, Megan Munger, Latayzia Harris, Sam Chowdury, Davis Erickson, Kaylee Coulter, B. B. Stotts, and Jenifer McDonald who joined a little late.
- II. Minutes from November 13, 2020 meeting – e-mailed on January 13, 2021 – Latayzia opened the meeting and asked for the minutes to be approved as submitted.
- III. University Committee Representation/Reports
  - a. Library Services Committee – Jenifer McDonald – no report
  - b. Academic Honesty Committee – Davis Erickson reported that the committee has not met and only meets as needed during the semester.
  - c. Student Learning Committee – Megan Munger reported that she has not been contacted regarding this committee. B. B. Stotts will follow up with the committee chair to see if they are planning to meet this semester.
  - d. Information Technology Council (ITC) – Filipe Santos Araujo – no report
- IV. Meeting time and day for spring semester meetings – March and April meetings – Latayzia reported that she had heard from several members that Friday at 11:00 a.m. is not a good time to meet this semester, thus we changed our meeting time to 2:00 p.m. for today's meeting. However, since we only had eight members present today another time/day might work better. Davis suggested that we survey the group. Latayzia will send a "When2Meet" survey to the group to help identify a better meeting time. Look for this e-mail to come.
- V. Old Business
  - a. GSAC Committees – Communication & Outreach; Events; Ad Hoc
    - i. Events Committee – Executive Council member will serve as Chair; Megan Woodfield and Whitley Chesney will serve – Discussion about an event to happen this semester to help connect graduate students was had. Latayzia volunteered to be the Executive Council member to be part of this committee. She also asked if others wanted to serve on the Communication & Outreach committee. It was suggested that Shane Adcock might be a good person to be part of this committee. Latayzia will reach out to him.
  - b. Noah Larson, SGA Chairmen of the Student Health Services Department – information was forwarded to him recently about the Bryant Student Health Center that was received from GSAC members in November. Thank you to those who submitted their information.
- VI. New Business
  - a. Goal setting – Latayzia asked the group to establish a few goals for the spring semester which the group could focus on. Several members expressed their need to find ways to be more connected and supported by their department. The group brainstormed about a few events that might help. One idea was to have a Zoom Coffee and Conversation event, and another idea was a way to send words of affirmation to graduate students. Megan Munger and Mary Whiteacre volunteered to assist the Events Committee with these ideas. Latayzia will set a Zoom meeting with this group to start the planning

process. B. B. Stotts volunteered assistance of her student employee with creating a marketing flyer if needed.

If any of you are serving as a Teaching G.A. and are feeling isolated or need more support, please be sure to ask your supervisor or department chair for assistance. This is always the first place to start. If more assistance is needed after this first step, please let B. B. Stotts know and she will help you move to the next level.

- VII. For the Good of the Order / Announcements - A question regarding the status of the Blue Parking Permit request that was submitted last year was asked. B. B. Stotts reported that she had heard back from Dr. Steve Erwin last February that the proposal was supported and he was working with the Parking and Police Department on the next steps to help this request move forward. However, once we were sent home in March due to COVID-19, he notified us that this project/proposal was put on hold. The group mentioned that parking is still an issue today for GTA's and supported moving forward with this request again.
- VIII. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Here is the link to the recorded Zoom meeting:

<https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/obU4X2mkfDqgK0q8YjxoYfPBoHQhUXWzmlvU0h2yFH6-J26W0fVeGHQwNj9SHMJ3.CkD1IAuGwuFaScH->

Officers - Spring 2021

President – Latayzia Harris

Vice President – Davis Erickson

Secretary/Treasurer – Jenifer McDonald

Past-President – Shane Adcock

Meeting minutes prepared by B. B. Stotts

## 2020-2021 GSAC Members

Department/Program	Representative(s) Name
Biology	Amy Hammesfahr (Dec. grad) and Mary Whiteacre
Chemistry	
Communication	Shane Adcock
Engineering Technology	Rhett Lokey and Filipe Santos Araujo
English	Thad White and Megan Munger
HHPR	Abbey Sommerauer and Josh Hudiburg
History	Latayzia Harris and Darren Morgan
MBA	Layla Taylor and Sam Chowdury
Materials Science	Tenzin Ingsel
Mathematics	Laura Phillips and Michael Deguerre
Music	Davis Erickson
Nursing	Bailey Kuhlman and Wendy Overstreet
Physics	Merab Basilaia
Polymer Chemistry	J. Choi and Felipe deSouza
Psychology and Counseling	Megan Woodfield and Kaylee Coulter
TCHL (Educational Leadership)	Abbigail Epperson and Cameron Tournear and Russell Cramer (EDS)
TCHL (Educational Technology)	Judy Callahan
TCHL (Special Education)	Ashley Ladd and Natalie Heins
TCHL (Elementary, Secondary)	Whitley Chesney
TCHL (Reading)	Kelly Keys and Tara Wilbert
TCHL (ESOL)	Anna Mashburn and Ryan Zafuta
TWL (Technology)	
TWL (Career and Technical Education)	Kevin Stalsberg
TWL (Human Resource Development)	Charne Scurfield and Jenifer McDonald