

GSAC Meeting – September 30, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

MINUTES

- I. Welcome – The meeting call to order by Shane Adcock and all members on the Zoom introduced themselves to the group. We had 13 in attendance.

 - II. Overview of GSAC – B. B. Stotts welcomed the group to the first meeting of the semester and gave an overview of GSAC. 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 -- professional development or social events.

 - III. University Committee Representation - Asked for volunteers to serve on the following committees:
 - Library Services Committee
 - Academic Honesty Committee
 - Student Learning Committee
 - Information Technology Council (ITC) – Filipe Santos Araujo

 - IV. Leadership Roles – Officer Elections will happen at our second meeting of the semester. Shane asked for individuals who are interested in serving to e-mail B. B. Stotts. Shane Adcock served as President last year and will assist moving forward this semester. He will graduate in December 2020. All leadership positions are open.
 - President –
 - Vice President
 - Secretary/Treasurer

 - V. Old Business
 - Revised By-Laws – the group started the editing and revision process of an updated By-laws proposal. We did not get through the whole document and will review again at the next meeting. Robert’s Rules was discussed and a link was sent to the group to explain this process.

 - VI. New Business
 - GSAC Committees – Communication & Outreach; Events; Ad Hoc
 - When is the best time to meet? Latayzia Harris volunteered to send a When2Meet poll to see the best times for the group to meet. Ideally, we want to meet monthly at a regular time, such as the second Tuesday of the month at noon, etc.
 - Filipe Santos Araujo asked if GSAC Conference Funding was available this year. B. B. Stotts will look into this request with the Provost since travel is not approved at PSU at this time.

 - VII. Adjournment – The meeting ran a little long and adjourned at 4:40 p.m.
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2020-2021 GSAC Members

Department/Program	Representative(s) Name
Biology	Amy Hammesfahr
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
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)	
TWL (Human Resource Development)	Charne Scurfield and Jenifer McDonald