

February 17, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom
First meeting of the semester

MINUTES:

- I. Welcome – Megan opened the meeting at 3:02 p.m. Due to the weather the meeting was only on Zoom. We had ten people attend the meeting.
- II. Minutes from last meeting, December 10, 2021, were emailed to the group on December 15, 2021. No changes or corrections to the minutes were suggested, minutes approved.
- III. University Committee Representation/Reports – All graduate representative name and contact information has been given to the committee chairs. You should be contacted by someone regarding upcoming meetings.
 - a. Library Services Committee – Alexis Melson – No report.
 - b. Academic Honesty Committee – Morgan Blalock – Unknown/No Report.
 - c. Student Learning Committee – Megan Munger – No report.
 - d. Information Technology Council (ITC) – Saivardhan Banoor – Unknown/No Report. ITC meeting minutes are available here:
<https://www.pittstate.edu/it/information-technology-services/information-technology-council.html#undefined1>
- IV. Request for GSAC Funding for Thesis and Conference Attendance
 - a. Conference Attendance – Hayley Ianna – School Counseling – Topic: Improving Cultural competency Among Counselors-In-Training Meaning in Life Among Emerging Adults: An Existential Framework (faculty advisor – Dr. Cebrail Karayigit) – Conference name: KCA/KSCA – Kansas Counseling Association, February 24, 2022, in Manhattan, KS; Requested amount \$250.
 - i. Funding was approved by multiple members.
 - b. Do let departments know about the Thesis and Conference funding for graduate students as many students are not aware.
 - c. Must present receipts for reimbursement.
 - d. If approved for funding, it is expected that you will participate in the PSU Colloquium.
 - e. Budget for this year is \$3000.
 - f. We have about \$1600 left for the rest of this semester.
- V. Executive Officer Reports
 - a. President – Megan Munger – No report.
 - b. Vice President – Mary Marine – Unknown/No Report.
 - c. Secretary – Alexis Melson – No report.
- VI. GSAC Committee Reports
 - a. Communication and Outreach – Michelle Cronk – Unknown/No report.

- b. Events committee – Mary Marine and Jaquelyn Bouchie – No report.
- c. Ad hoc G.A. Pay/Salary Proposal – Megan and Chanel – No progress yet. Both Megan and Chanel have rather busy schedules. Megan asked for committee members, specifically those who are graduate teaching/research assistants. Megan mentioned that she graduates in May and would like people who can further this beyond May and can see it take effect in future semesters.
 - i. Members can also email ideas/research/articles to Megan, mmunger@gus.pittstate.edu, with regards to the ad hoc G.A. Pay/Salary Proposal.

VII. Old Business

- a. Results of WhenToMeetPoll – 16 voted. 9 of the 16 said they could meet Thursday at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- b. Status of planning a GSAC event for this semester.
 - i. Megan posted a call for ideas about an event to host. Either in-person or online. She mentioned the meet and greet idea, coffee & conversation, or a picnic or some sort of gathering for graduate students.
 - ii. Alexis posed the idea of an event, sometime in April, at University Lake.
 - iii. Megan asked Jaquelyn to talk with Mary about this idea. She said she would reach out to Mary.
 - iv. Jaquelyn asked if Sodexo must be used anywhere else on Campus. B.B. said if you are in any building outside of the Oval or the Student Center you can use an outside catering source or bring your own items.
 - v. Jaquelyn asked about reserving the shelter at University Lake. B.B. said that would be done through the Student Center.

VIII. New Business

- a. No new business other than events mentioned above.
- b. Jenifer asked about Spring graduation.
 - i. B.B. has heard the Commencement committee is meeting and the plan is to have it the same as it was in December.
 - ii. In December commencement was: you could invite guests to sit on the bleachers in the Weede, and could have a total of six guests walk with you.
 - iii. The commencement will still very much be a moving ceremony. It is not the traditional ceremony where graduates sit in the chairs in front of the stage in the Weede. It will be fluid.
 - iv. Six guests can walk with you, any others will need to sit in the bleachers.
 - v. Once you cross the stage you will exit the building and your guests with you.
 - vi. If anything changes B.B. will update the group.

IX. For the Good of the Order / Announcements / Department / Program News

- a. PSU Teacher Interview Day – February 15, 2022
 - i. Was in the Student Center. About 75 school districts were in attendance. A district from California, the Palm Springs area, attended. The

Superintendent there is a Pitt State alum. Most of the schools were from Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma.

- ii. Career Services has more information about any job opportunities.
- iii. A school district in Kansas, near the Colorado boarder, is looking for ESOL teacher, specifically Spanish, and they would pay for your master's degree and provide housing (USD 494 Syracuse).
- b. March 7, 2022 – PSU Apple Day –
<https://www.pittstate.edu/calendar/2022.03/apple-day.html>
- c. March 14 – 18, 2022 – Spring break
 - i. We get one this year!!
- d. March 24, 2022 – PSU Spring Career Day
 - i. Full-time employment opportunities.
- e. March 29, 2022 CGRS – Capitol Graduate Research Summit – New Date
 - i. Covid had them push the date back to March 29.
 - ii. Jaquelyn will be going. B.B. may be riding there as well.
 - iii. A good opportunity to present research and represent Pitt State.
- f. April 13, 2022 – PSU Colloquium
 - i. Will be on campus, and in-person with some virtual presentations.
 - ii. Megan and Alexis mentioned they will be going/presenting.
 - iii. A great way to see what students from different disciplines are up to.
- g. May 13 & 14, 2022 – Commencement
 - i. Jake, Jenifer, Megan, and Alexis will be graduating this semester. Others may be as well that were not in attendance.
- h. Hopefully Mary and Jaquelyn can meet and report back at the next meeting. Megan is hoping her and Chanel will have more to report back then as well.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 PM.

A link of the recorded meeting:

https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/4Ukv4SHTdkRlmYzpYRlVCbavraWdZn-LHvorNtufmLxgl5Dsagu5S_vquSBhVY2P.y8yvTGRayvaC3HaW

Next meeting will be on March, 10 2022 at 3:00 p.m. – In-person (Balkans Room, OSC) or via Zoom. B.B. will send out invitations and reminders for that meeting.

Minutes submitted by,
Alexis Melson
GSAC Secretary