

April 14, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom
Third meeting of the semester

MINUTES:

I. Welcome – Megan opened the meeting at 3:03 p.m. We had seven attend via Zoom for a total of seven people.

II. Minutes from last meeting, March 10, 2021, were emailed to the group on April 1, 2022. 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 soon 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. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President – Megan Munger – No report.
- b. Vice President – Mary Marine – Unknown/No Report.
- c. Secretary – Alexis Melson – No report.

V. GSAC Committee Reports

- a. Communication and Outreach – Michelle Cronk – Unknown/No report.
 - i. Has been sharing events on Facebook page.
- b. Events committee – Mary Marine and Jaquelyn Bouchie – No report/follow-up yet.
 - i. Proposed idea about having a get-together in Gorilla Village. Maybe some cornhole, grilling, something small budget. A hot dog cookout.
 - ii. Megan will send out a Canvas message. Facebook would be a good way to get that information out.
 - iii. Jenifer said she can post information about it.
 - iv. Mary and Jaquelyn will put together information about a cookout, and will email that to Megan and B. B. We will need to check with the student center to book a pavilion reserved at Gorilla Village.
 - v. Send out a BULK-E to all graduate students.
 - 1. B. B. or Megan will send a reminder out to the GSAC people individually as well.

- c. Ad hoc G.A. Pay/Salary Proposal – Megan – Has been working with Chanel on proposal. Does not have a tentative schedule. They have great resources for the proposal.

VI. Old Business

- a. No old business.

VII. New Business

- a. No new business.

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

- a. March 29, 2022 CGRS – Capitol Graduate Research Summit – Five graduate students attended including GSAC member Jaquelyn Bouchie. PSU's top winner was Emma Buckardt from Biology.
 - i. Congratulations Jaquelyn!
 - ii. Congratulations to Emma!
 - 1. Mary will pass on our congrats.
- b. James B. M Schick Midwest Quarterly/Graduate Studies Best Essay winners are two from GSAC
 - i. Winner is Megan Munger – WOW! two years in a row!!!
 - 1. Congrats Megan!
 - ii. Honorable Mention is Alexis Melson
 - 1. Congrats Alexis!
- c. April 13, 2022 – PSU Colloquium – Congratulations to all who participated!!
 - i. Congrats to all who participated!! Lots of great presentations!
- d. May 13 & 14 - Commencement - Will be the same as December's ceremonies, details can be found here: <https://www.pittstate.edu/registrar/commencement.html>
- e. Congratulations to all!!
 - i. Caps and gowns can be picked up from the Bookstore in the student center (or you can call and get it shipped for \$9). Make sure you have registered to graduate.
 - ii. Jenifer, Megan, Wendy, and Alexis (all present in the meeting) will be graduating!
 - iii. Congratulations to anyone not present who is also graduating!
- f. Megan's Thesis Defense!
 - i. Megan will defend her thesis (a poetry collection: *The Weight in Rain*) at 3:30 in 409 Russ Hall on April 21, 2022. Come join! It'll be great!!
- g. Alexis's Thesis Defense!
 - i. Alexis will defend her thesis (a fiction collection: *Futurebound*) at 3:30 in Timmons Chapel on May 5, 2022. Come join! It'll be great!!

IX. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

A link of the recorded meeting:

https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/KC6MoRiDr_LdHNHkR86BtZ4HYhSNBCNY2QPYb72leTSPTohOw4sR53JrPGDpG7vQ.eECVJPREKW7jLvpF

There is not another scheduled meeting for this semester. Thank you Megan for a wonderful job as President!!! Thank you Mary for a wonderful job as Vice President! Thank you Alexis for a wonderful job as Secretary!

Submitted by,
Alexis Melson, GSAC Secretary