

Graduate Student Advisory Council
March 27, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
Kansas 1 (OSC) and Zoom

MINUTES:

1. Welcome—Megan opened the meeting at 3:42 PM
2. University Committee Reports
 - A. Library Services Committee – Catherine Miller—No report
 - B. Academic Honesty Committee – Chih Chieh Chang—No report
 - C. Information Technology Council (ITC) – Zeshan Shah—No report
 - D. Board of Governors – Lukas Amershek
 - i. Voted last week to increase each student’s tuition by \$5.00, built into student fees.
3. Reports from Programs
 - A. Zeshan Shah, Technology—The Capitol Research Summit was held in Topeka on March 22, 2023 and hosted graduate students from Kansas public universities to present their research and the results of state research grants
 - B. The Communications Department has a broadcasting conference in Las Vegas in April that includes panels of speakers and networking events
 - a. Jackie will show a short film for his graduate thesis on May 3rd at the Bicknell center
4. Old Business
 - Lisa sent a message to the provost Dr. Smith about attending our next meeting
 - If Dr. Smith cannot come, we can send a list of questions to him for him to independently answer
 - Megan volunteered to create a discussion board/forum for council members to ask questions, which she or Lisa will then send to Dr. Smith
 - Megan distributed the discussion board on March 27th
 - Heather Eckstein might come instead of Dr. Smith to talk about student services and their restructuring of academic advisement
 - Spring GA Orientation
 - Lisa explained that in the past, a handbook that covers what the Fall orientation covers has been made available

- Rylee suggested an open forum/day of availability instead of a formal orientation in which new GTAs and GRAs might be able to ask questions about finances, grading systems, and privacy/ethics. These students would still attend
- Rylee also suggested a graduate student onboarding in which new GAs ask current or past GAs their questions. This structure might vary interdepartmentally.

5. New Business

- Discussed GSAC sponsored event in April and reviewed Event Proposal
 - Event will be on Thursday, April 27th, 2023 from 3-5 PM
 - Members voted for number of expected attendees
 - Vote was recounted after reconsidering department numbers and potential headcounts
 - Council determined to budget for 30
 - Lisa suggested a sign-in sheet to keep a record of attendees for future events
 - Rylee volunteered to design a mock-up of the flyer to be sent to the SGA for approval
 - Catherine will amend current proposal and send revised version to be delivered to Dr. Smith
 - Lisa approved the proposal revision on March 28, 2023
 - Dr. Smith approved the proposal on April 10, 2023

6. Important Dates

- March 30—Blood Drive
- April 1—The BIG Event
- April 2-5—Early Enrollment
- April 3—Last day to drop to receive a ‘W’
 - Last day to petition for graduation for Spring 2023 Commencement (includes Summer graduates)
- April 14—final day to submit first draft of thesis

7. For the Good of the Order

- No report

8. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 PM

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Catherine Miller, GSAC Secretary/Treasurer