MEMBERS PRESENT:
Tammy Sonnentag, Taylor Wadian, Kavita Penugonda, Ammar Bhandari, Dr. Duane Crawford, Megan Miller, Jonathan Krueger, Rebecca Dale, Anubha Garg, Evan King, Tim Cassidy, John Elson, Gregory Bohner, Daja Menefee, Kyle Van Ittersum, Hayat Alblowhy, Kristen Babers, Kat Lopez, Adam Ragoschke, Craig Johnson, Abbie Polys, Cristina Bonnelly, Megan Brown, Michael Banfield, and Depthi Uppalapati,

Call to Order
T. Sonnentag, President, welcomed the GSC members and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

1.0 Review & Approval of Agenda
T. Sonnentag asked the Committee if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented.

Motion #1: Move to approve the meeting agenda as distributed.
Action: Motion Approved

2.0 Review & Approval of GSC Minutes from September 10th, 2012
T. Sonnentag asked the Committee if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting’s minutes as presented.

Motion #1: Move to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2012
Action: Motion Approved

3.0 Guest speaker:
Angela Hayes from Career and Employment Services (CES) talked about different services her office can provide to graduate students. These include: interview techniques, resume critiques and job search. She mentioned that CES can also help virtual PhD students in job searching outside academia. Students can contact her for resume samples. She also encouraged graduate students to attend October 9th general presentation for “CVs and Resume”. She informed that CES will hold a networking event in November with a national speaker and an industry panel probably one in both October and November. More details on these will be made available to graduate students very soon.

4.0 Officer Reports
T. Sonnentag thanked Angela Hayes (CES) for her time and the GSC members who participated in the All University Career Fair. She informed the Council that the GSC foundation account will be credited $100.00 for the volunteer hours at the Career Fair. The Recreational Complex updates are projected to be done by April-May and tennis court reconstruction will be finished by early May. She also requested that the Council attendees spread messages to fellow graduate students and friends to participate in the ‘GSC’s partnership with Local, a restaurant next to Rays Apple Market (Anderson Ave.) on October 30th. She also asked for feedback as to how GSC could better communicate with graduate students and how we can encourage graduate students to open their emails from GSC? She requested that those in attendance let their friends know about one open senator position.

T. Wadian thanked the graduate students for attending the GSC mixer, stating that it was a great success. He also reported that the Student Affairs Committee of the Graduate Council is discussing the potential need for annual review of graduate student. It was discussed that some programs/departments are doing annual review of graduate students and others are not. He asked all GSC members to find out if such review is already included in their department, and to send him feedback about the idea.
Dr. Crawford suggested the university-wide initiative for annual reviews for graduate student progress will be helpful for graduate students and asked all attendees to send feedback to either him or T. Wadian. He also asked attendees to spread message to other graduate students and encourage them to send comments, feedback and modifications on newly proposed grading systems (+/- system).

5.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports
A. Ragoschke reported more details about the newly proposed grading system that Dr. Crawford raised. He mentioned that the idea behind the proposed grading systems is to narrow down the current gap of 10 points (e.g., A = 90-100%) and establish a finer distinction between students’ grades. He also mentioned that this new grading system is currently under discussion and was proposed by the Vice President of SGA. He also encouraged all graduate students to send comments and feedbacks on this new grading proposal to the graduate student senators.

6.0 Committee Reports
Allocations – K. Penugonda reported approximately $27,000 was allocated for travel period II (October 1st to December 31st). Altogether, 161 applications were received for GSC travel awards, 111 applicants were selected to receive a travel award. Applicants will be receiving $150-$500. She also mentioned that 11 applicants are still on the waiting list for travel awards. K. Penugonda also stated that 22 applications were rejected, mostly due to application deadlines not being met and applying for wrong travel periods. 17 applications were eliminated because of double submissions.

Research Forums – D. Uppalapati reported that the Research Forum Committee needs volunteers to review abstracts. The Research and the State/Capitol Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) abstract submission deadline is October 5, 2012 and the event will be on November 6th. She mentioned that the Research Forum Committee also needs volunteers to set up on November 6th and asked GSC leadership members to share this message with others. More details regarding the time of abstract review and set up will be provided to all research forum committee members very soon.

Student Affairs – M. Brown requested more volunteers to assist with the October 3rd Ice Cream Social. She also asked to inform graduate their fellow graduate students about the Ice Cream Social between 1:00-3:00 on October 3rd.

International Student Affairs – M. Rai was not present but T. Sonnentag reported on her behalf. T. Sonnentag informed that October 1st is the last day to sign up for international championship events. Interested groups or person can register at K-State Union.

Professional Development Seminar – T. Sonnentag reported that a Grant writing workshop will be held sometime in October or early November by Dr. Guikema. More information will be sent out in next couple of weeks regarding this workshop.

Fundraising – J. Hardy was not present but T. Sonnentag requested all to participate in the fundraising event sponsored by Local, a restaurant adjacent to Ray’s Apple Market. T. Sonnentag also requested all meeting attendees to help advertise this fundraising event.

Awards and Recognition – C. Summers- No report.

7.0 University-Wide Representative Reports
Health Insurance – M. Banfield reported that flu shots are available at K-State Union and asked students to bring their student ID and health insurance card to have a flu shot.

Union Governing Board – K. Lopez reported Salsaritas in the KSU Union received a license to serve alcohol. She also mentioned a consultant team from Maryland came to campus and they sought feedback and ideas about redoing and improving the Union from students and student leaders. T. Wadian recommended everyone emphasize
the need for a GSC office/meeting space in the K-State Union.

Library Committee – L. Reiter, not present, no report.

Campus Master Plan Committee – P. Sukthankar, not present, no report.

8020 Committee – R. Manes- no report.

State Affairs – L. Teague, not present no report.

Women of K-State – K. Penugonda reported Women of K-State will organize a pre-game pizza social before a women’s volleyball match on October 3rd. On October 9th will be a brown bag event again. Brown bag activities are video-taped, so people interested in what was discussed can access the video at the online archives. The Women of K-State are also planning to hold brown bag events in different buildings to encourage more women participate.

8.0 Upcoming events:
  ➢ Oct. 1 - iSIS Graduation Application Submission Deadline to participate in Commencement: December 7th.
  ➢ Oct. 1 - Open Forum for Graduation Deadlines (10:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Leadership Studies Building)
  ➢ Oct. 1 - ETDR Overview (11:00 – 12:00 pm – Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building)
  ➢ Oct. 2 - CATL “Hot Topics, Cool Tips: Handling Academic Integrity Issues” Seminar, 3:30-4:30pm, Fairchild 215
  ➢ Oct. 3 - GSC Ice Cream Social, 1-3 pm, east side of Fairchild Hall
  ➢ Oct. 30 - Research and the State/Capital Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) Abstract Submission Deadline 11:59p.m. CST
  ➢ Oct. 5- Deadline for the “Approval to Schedule Final Examination” form to have name appear in Commencement program.

9.0 Adjournment
T. Sonnentag thanked all for their involvement with and contributions to the GSC. She asked all the attendees to give feedback on how we can improve the communication about the GSC to graduate students. She then adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.