Graduate Student Council (GSC) General Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2013
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Union 227

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Tammy Sonnentag, Taylor Wadian, Ammar Bhandari, Kavitha Penugonda, Dr. Carol Shanklin, Dr. Duane Crawford, Kat Lopez, Kris Grinter, Craig Johnson, Obair Siddiqui, Kristopher Grinter, Manpreet Rai, Megan Miller, Cara Dennis, Cristina Bonnelly, Deepti Uppalapati, Laura Teague, Janavi Kumar, Amanda Fairbanks, Jay Weeks, Kristen Nabors, Gregory Bohner, Laura Wallace, Kyle van Ittersum, John Elson, Amy Rouinfar, Huubinh Lee, Anuba Garg, Paula Suda, Rachel James, Bettina Jancke, Damien Downes, Emilie Guidez, and Angela Mayer.

Call to Order
T. Sonnentag, President, welcomed the Council 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 Leadership Committee Minutes from February 4th, 2013
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 February 4th, 2013
Action: Motion Approved

3.0 Guest Speakers:
The 2013-2014 Student Governing Association (SGA) candidates for Student Body President and Vice President ( Schooley-Uruh and Nuss-Mendiola) gave their brief presentations and discussed their platforms with the Council members. Overall their platforms focused on improving student life at K-State. Candidates also responded to numerous questions presented by the Graduate Students Council members.

4.0 Officers reports:
T. Sonnentag promoted the upcoming GSC executive officer elections and encouraged the Leadership Committee members to consider running for the positions if interested. She also mentioned that students unable to attend Donald Asher’s workshop can watch a video posted in the Graduate Student Resource Center on KOSL. T. Sonnentag also asked individuals to volunteer to serve on the selection committee for the two Alumni Association Awards (Academics and Leadership/Service). She also reported that the K-State Library is partnering with the K-State Writing Center on March 7th to host an event initiating and inspiring writing in graduate student. She also encouraged the Council members to help spread the message about the upcoming "Repaying your Student Loans” workshop on March 14th from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM, K-State Student Union 207.

T. Wadian thanked the Research Forum committee members for the success of the Capital Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) and also informed the Council that the Kansas Governor read the Proclamation he had written proclaiming February 11-15 as Graduate Student Research Week in Kansas for 2013. Taylor informed the Council that Governor Brownback had an opportunity to visit many of the K-State participants’ posters at CGRS.
A. Bhandari reported that the list of student groups registered with the GSC has been updated, and as of March 4 there are 33 registered groups.

K. Penugonda reported that the overall budget allocation is as follows:

**GSC FY 13 General Funds/Presidential Allocation**
FY12 Carry-Over Funds $1,178.40
Allocated: $100,000
Beginning Balance: $101,178.40
Expenditures: $39,426.40
Balance: $61,751.85*

*Note: $48,700 have been awarded for travel grant periods 2 and 3 -- reimbursement requests are being submitted and processed.

**SGA General Funds**
Allocated: $21,000
Expenditures: $17,323.21
Balance: $3,676.79
*Note: All funds have been awarded for travel grant periods 1 and 2 -- but reimbursement requests have been submitted for $3676.79.

**GSC Foundation Funds:**
Beginning balance $2,407.86
Expenditures: $59.02
Contributions/Payment for Services:: $230.00
Balance: $2,579.10

Dr. C. Shanklin congratulated Tammy Sonnentag and Jarred Pfeiffer for winning the Midwest Association of Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award at the Ph.D. and M.S. categories, respectively. Dr. Shanklin also reminded the Council about the deadline for the KSURF Doctoral Scholarships (April 1, 2013) and encouraged the attendees to share this information with their peers. She also updated the Council members that nine applications were received for the Sarachek Predoctoral Honors Fellowship. Dr. Shanklin also informed the Council that the concern for identifying a space for the GSC was ignored in the campus master plan and asked the Council members encourage graduate students to the survey being distributed by Union Governing Board. Dr. D. Crawford also encouraged all of the Council members to spread the message to other graduate students to voice the concerns for the GSC space on campus.

**5.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports**
K. Grinter thanked K. Lopez for serving as a graduate student senator and for her work on the University Governing Body.

**6.0 Committee Reports**

Allocations– K. Penugonda reported that the allocations committee received 103 travel grant applications for travel period 4 from students traveling between April 1st and June 31st. She also informed the Council members that the committee has started reviewing the applications and reported that the unclaimed funds from travel period 1 (SGA funds) will be reallocated for travel period 4.
Research Forums – J. Standard was not present but T. Sonnentag reported on his behalf. She informed the Council that Feraidon Ataie and Kelly Foster won the $500 scholarships from KansasBio for their presentations at the CGRS in Topeka. She also mentioned that the K-State Research Forum will be held on March 27, 2013. 120 (mostly graduate and few undergraduate) students will be presenting research in either an oral or poster format. The Research Forums Committee will be asking for help in setting up for the event.

Student Affairs – C. Dennis reported that the Committee is planning an event at the Flint Hill Discovery Center on Sunday, March 10th at 1:30 PM. She indicated that if the GSC has more than 20 people attend, the admission fee will be only $6/person, but if fewer than 20 people attend, the cost will increase to $7/person (with K-State student ID). She encouraged the Council members to spread this message to graduate students through their respective departments and requested all participate.

International Student Affairs – M. Rai informed that the International Coordinating Council (ICC) is hosting an International Week on April 7th-13th and ICC will be looking for volunteers that week. She mentioned that individuals who have a GRA/GTA/GA and are living in Jardine could get a summer work as an “international student welcome ambassador” and asked any interested candidate to contact her for more details.

Professional Development- A. Fairbanks reported that on March 5th at 4:00 PM a faculty panel will discuss “Preparing for Interviews in Academia” and asked the Council members to promote the event to their peer and attend the event. She also mentioned that on April 10th, 3:30-5:30 PM, individuals from industry will discuss “Applying for Jobs in Industry” and identify skills and attributes desired in applicants for industry positions. She also added that the Theater Delta will be on campus on April 29th. More details about Theater Delta will be provided at upcoming meetings.

Fundraising – J Hardy, not present, no report.

Awards and Recognition – C. Bonnelly. Reported that the initial request from faculty for graduate students’ accomplishments has been sent to all graduate faculty, department heads, graduate program directors, and associate deans. Faculty members are asked to email any information about graduate students’ accomplishments by the April 1st deadline. The newsletter will be created for distribution across the university by the last general GSC meeting.

7.0 University-Wide Representative Reports

Health Insurance – M. Banfield, not present but T. Sonnentag reported on his behalf and mentioned that health insurance costs are being considered for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Union Governing Board – K. Lopez reported that a survey has been sent out to get feedback for K-State Student Union future renovation plan and asked Council members to complete the survey. She also informed the Council that the UGB passed new operation hours for Denny’s. The new hours will be from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM instead of 11:00 AM-7:00 PM to cover their loss of $600 per week. She also reported that the bid for Follett Higher Education Inc. (FHEI) as the new bookstore service provider had been approved. The FHEI will take over the university bookstore in the K-State Student Union. FHEI currently manages the bookstore on the K-State Salina Campus. This change will not affect Varney’s in Aggieville.

Library Committee – L. Reiter, present, no report.

Campus Master Plan Committee – P. Sukthankar, not present, no report,
8020 Committee – K. Grinter informed the Council that the Cats in Capitol event was successful and thanked the participants for their help.

State Affairs – L. Teague was not present but T. Sonnentag reported on her behalf. She informed the Council that the committee enjoyed distributing ice cream and cookies at Cats in Capitol. She also informed the Council that President Schulz accepted a resolution passed by the legislation to recognize Kansas State University’s 150th birthday.

Women of K-State – K. Penugonda reported that Women of K-State encouraging attendance at a documentary film “She Told Me Stories” on March 14th, from 7:00-8:30. She also informed the Council members about a rock climbing event on March 30th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Peterson Recreation Center. The rock wall climbing event will be free and open to the Women of K-State during this time.

8.0 Upcoming events:
- **Mar. 4/5** Teaching and Learning Technology showcase (TLT), K State Student Union (highlights graduate students who have made contributions in the classroom and who are teaching with technology in unique ways.)
- **Mar. 5** Professional Development Event What you need to know about apply for (getting) a job in Academia. 4:00 -5:30p.m., Leadership Studies Town Hall.
- **Mar. 6** KSU Career Speaker Series Donna Serdula (Topic: Linkedin Makeover; 8:00-9:00p.m.). http://www.expertwebinarseries.com/k-state
- **Mar. 10** Join the GSC at the Flint Hills Discover Center (meet at 1:15p.m.). Plan for $7.00 admittance fee, with Student ID.
- **Mar. 14** GSC hosts “Repaying your student loans” 3:30-5:00p.m., K-State Student Union 207.
- **Mar. 14**-WoKS. She Told Me Stories. March 14, 2013, 7:30 -8:30 p.m.,Little Theater, First Floor of the K State Union.
- **Mar. 25** GSC Leadership Committee meeting, 12:00-1:00pm, Union 227.
- **Mar. 27**-K-State Research Forum (KRF), 2nd Floor K-State Student Union, 8:00-5:00p.m.
- **Mar. 30**-WoKS. Women Rock. March 30, 2013, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Rec Center.
- The rock wall climbing will be free and open to the Women of K-State only during this time.
- **April. 1** GSC General Meeting, 12:00-1:00pm, Union 227 (Guest Speaker: University President Kirk Schulz)
- **April. 2** Deadline to submit “Approval to Schedule Final Examination” to the Graduate School to have your name appear in the May commencement program.
- **April. 3** KSU Career Speaker Series –Sherri Thomas (Topic: 5 Steps to Your Personal Brand; 8:00-9:00p.m.). http://www.expertwebinarseries.com/k-state
- **April. 7** Join the GSC for the K-State baseball game vs. Texas Tech.1:00p.m. Free with K State student ID.
- **April. 10** GSC Ice Cream Social,1:00-3:00 pm, east side of Fairchild Hall.
- **April. 10** Professional Development event What you need to know about apply for (getting) a job in Industry. 3:30-5:30p.m., Leadership Studies Town Hall.

9.0 Adjournment
T. Sonnentag thanked all for attending and adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.