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 General Meeting Minutes from March 4th, 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 March 4th, 2013
Action: Motion Approved

3.0 Guest Speaker:

University President, Kirk Schulz, briefed the constructions of K-State academic infrastructure with line with 2025 goals. He mentioned that across the several years, construction of new buildings and renovations to old buildings will be taking place on the University Campus. He encouraged students to watch the K-State 2025 videos to learn more about these changes. President Schulz mentioned the plans for building a “Student Welcome Center” underneath the Stadium. He briefly described the planned renovations for the Student Union, the scheduled renovation of Seaton Complex, and the forthcoming construction of a $50 million Business building multiple examples of infrastructure development across the Campus. He also answered several questions raised by graduate students.
4.0 Guest Speakers:

Candidates for the 2013-2014 GSC Executive Officer Positions introduced themselves.

President elect:
Amanda Fairbanks is a PhD student in Communications. She was involved with different organizations at Fort Hayes University and also taught classes at that University. She is the current Co-Chair of the Professional Development Committee and interested in being involved more with GSC activities.

Secretary:
Erik Garcia is a current graduate student in the Psychology Department. He has served in several leadership positions during his undergraduate studies at Colorado State University. He is interested in the GSC Secretary position to better serve his fellow graduate students at K-State.

Kris Grinter is a Master’s student in Family Studies and Human Services. He is currently serving as the Chair of the K-State Honor Council and he is a student representative on the 8020 Committee. He is interested in the GSC Secretary position to optimize his graduate student experience.

Arjun Khare is a PhD student in the Sociology Department. He has had experience working with his departmental organization. He is interested in the Secretary position to better serve the community of K-State graduate students and also to build his leadership skills.

Treasurer:
Whitney Jeter is a third year graduate student in the Department of Psychological Sciences. She is a current member of Honor Council and has had experience working with their department organization. She is interested in serving in the Treasurer position because of her past experiences and the benefits she has received from participating in a wide array of activities offered by the GSC.

Kavitha Penugonda is the PhD student in the Department of Human Nutrition and serves as the current treasurer of the GSC. She is interested to continue in her position. Based on her experience as Treasurer, she has gained much information that will help her successfully perform her duties another year. She has also enjoyed working with other graduate students.

John O. Smyers is a graduate student in the Department of Psychology. He is interested in this position because of his experience as a senator and co-chair of the Allocations committee in the SGA at his undergraduate university. He also enjoys working with other graduate students.

5.0 Officers reports:

T. Sonnentag asked the Council members to participate in the library survey sent out in the GSC weekly email. She informed the Council that there are approximately 250 graduate students who have signed up to access the Library space, but most of the students are not using the space. The Library survey inquires why the students are not accessing the space and what changes are necessary to better facilitate the space for graduate students.
T. Wadian mentioned that the electronic ballot for the 2013-2014 GSC Executive Officers election will be sent between April 2nd through April 5th for graduate students to cast their ballot. The results of the election will be announced the week of April 8th.

A. Bhandari, present, no report.

K. Penugonda reported that the overall budget allocations 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: $44,145.87
Balance: $57,032.53*
*Note: $48,700 has 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 Period 1 & 2, but reimbursement requests have not been submitted for $3,676.79.

**GSC Foundation Funds:**
Beginning Balance $2,407.86
Expenditures: $59.02
Contributions/Payment for Service: $230.26
Balance: $2,579.10

Dr. C. Shanklin reminded the Council that April 2nd is the deadline to submit “Approval to Schedule Final Examination” to the Graduate School to have your name included in the May commencement program. She also mentioned that the deadline to officially graduate and participate in the Spring Commencement is April 26th. Dr. Shanklin also encouraged the Council attendees to attend the Golden Key recognition event, the President’s cook-out event, and industry panel discussion. She also informed the Council about the new ‘University Distinguish Fellowship Award’ and indicated more information will be sending out in an email today.
6.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports:

K. Lopez reported that the SGA has passed several different bills that include the Student Center tuition enhancement bill, continuing to fund the LGBT, K-state writing center, the Union master plan, initiative on replacing the cost of text books by library, and green action plan for sustainability. She also informed the Council that a Student Design Center will be established to help student organizations create flyers for their events on the Campus.

7.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports:

Allocations – K. Penugonda reported that the allocations committee received 125 travel grant applications for travel period 4 from students traveling between April 1st and June 31st. Out of the 125 applications only 107 applicants were considered for travel grants. She reported that students travelling aboard to 10 different countries also received the award.

Research Forums – M. Miller thanked those who helped with the K-State Research Forum on March 27, 2013 and congratulated the winners.

Student Affairs – M. Brown and C. Dennis were not present but T. Sonnen tag reported on their behalf and informed the Council that the committee is planning to attend the baseball game on April 7th and asked Council attendees to participate. T. Sonnen tag also notified the Council that the committee will be hosting an ice-cream social event on April 10th from 1:00-3:00p.m. on the eastside of Fairchild Hall and asked the Council members to help make the event successful. She also informed the Council that on May 5th at 1:00 PM, the committee will be organizing a hike on the Konza Prairie. She encouraged the attendees to spread the word about these events and requested all participate.

International Student Affairs – M. Rai reported that the International Student Center (ISC) is hosting an ‘International Week’ from April 7-15th and asked the Council members to attend the program to learn more about international students and their activities. She also mentioned a panel discussion co-sponsored by the GSC that will be held with alumni graduate students to discuss their experiences on Wednesday April 10th and encouraged to attend the event.

Professional Development- A. Fairbanks reported that on April 10th, in the Town Hall Leadership Studies Bldg, 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 mentioned that representatives from Amazon (Kansas City), Payless Shoe store, GTN, and John Deere will participate in the panel discussion and asked the Council members to disseminate the message to other graduate students.
Fundraising – J Hardy, not present, no report.

Awards and Recognition – C. Bonnelly reported that (today) April 1st is the deadline to receive information from department heads and graduate faculty to include in the awards and recognition newsletters that will be sent out during the next General Council meeting.

8.0 University-Wide Representative Reports

Health Insurance – M. Banfield, not present, no report.

Union Governing Board – K. Lopez reported that a retail space is opening in the Union and asked the attendees to send her feedback on what kind of retail items they would like to see sold. She also mentioned that the GSC won the Union survey, and we should be contacted about a bowling party.

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

Campus Master Plan Committee – P. Sukthankar reported that the Committee has proposed a lot of significant changes on the structure of the Campus, but nothing has been included to reflect graduate students need.

8020 Committee – K. Grinter present, no report.

State Affairs – L. Teague reported that some bills were tabled in the state legislator, and if passed, these bills may affect the K-State budget. One of the bills proposed is for a 4% overall budget cut on total funds received by K-State from the State. In addition, another bill proposed may cut 4% in funding for faculty salaries. So, there may be overall approximately $13 million budget cut in the total allocation K-State receives form the State. She also mentioned that the Guns bill has been re-proposed and that K-State has to devise a security plan for every building on the campus prior to January 2014. L. Teague also reported that there is a bill proposing a “single tuition rate” for all students (domestic and international) is also on the table. She informed the Council that right now K-State gets $188 million in tuition and if this bill passes, this amount will decrease to approximately $115 million.

Women of K-State – K. Penugonda reported that Women of K-State is organizing a free brown bag event, “Pathway to Leadership” with six University distinguished women professors on April 18th from 11:30 AM-1:00P.M, UMB Theater in the beach Museum. RSVP is required; see the Women of K-State website for details.
9.0 Upcoming events:

- **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.expertwebinars.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.
- **April 15** - GSC Leadership meeting, 12:00-1:00p.m., Waters hall 137.
- **April 18** - WoKS. Pathway to Leadership: Meet the University Distinguished Professor Women, 11:30 -1 p.m., UMB Theater Beach Museum.
- **April 21** - Golden Key GTA/GRA recognition ceremony, 2:30p.m., Bluemont Room, K-State Student Union.
- **April 26** - Deadline to participate in Spring Commencement. To officially graduate in May 2013, your final examination ballot and the final copy of the electronic dissertation or master’s level thesis/report must be in the Graduate School.
- **April 28** - End-of-Year cookout to celebrate graduate students’ accomplishments at K-State (Sponsored by the President’s Office), 6:00 p.m., lawn of the President’s home.
- **May 1** - KSU Career Speaker Series – Natascha Saunders (Topic: Network Professionally with Facebook; 8:00-9:00p.m.).
- **May 4** - WoKS. Women on Weights May 4, 2013, 2 - 4 p.m., Rec Center
- **May 5** - Join the GSC Student Affairs committee at 1:00p.m. for a hike on Konza Prairie.
- **May 6** - GSC General meeting (Officer Transitions), 12:00-1:00pm, Waters 137.
- **May 9** - Join the GSC Student Affairs committee for a Pub Crawl through Aggieville, time TBD.
- **May 9** - Graduation Bash. Hosted by Alumni Center (for all students graduating in 2013 (May, August, December)
- **May 17** - Graduate School Commencement, 1:00pm, Bramlage Coliseum

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