Graduate Student Council (GSC) Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 6, 2013
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Waters 227

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Taylor Wadian, Amanda Fairbanks, Eric Garcia, Tammy Sonnentag, Ammar Bhandari, Kavitha Penugonda, Dr. Carol Shanklin, Dr. Duane Crawford, Kat Lopez, Craig Johnson, Megan Miller, Megan Brown, Cara Dennis, Kris Grinter, ....

Call to Order
T. Wadian, President, welcomed the General Council members and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

1.0 Review & Approval of Agenda
T. Wadian asked the Council 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 April 2, 2013
T. Wadian asked the Council if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting’s minutes as presented.

Motion #1: Move to approve the meeting minutes from April 2, 2013
Action: Motion Approved

3.0 Recognition of the GSC Leadership Committee Members
T. Sonnentag expressed appreciation to all of the GSC Leaders during her tenure as President. All of the individuals from the Leadership group received certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Executive committee and GSC advisors.

4.0 Officers reports:
T. Wadian reported that the End-of-Year Cookout to celebrate graduate students accomplishments at K-State (Sponsored by the President’s Office) on April 28 was a huge success. In fact, President Schulz already requested the GSC partner with his office for a similar celebration in April 2014. T. Wadian also announced that the GSC travel grant application process has gone through revisions. The process has been streamlined, award amounts made more transparent, and the process more competitive. Council members should read the information about the new travel grant application process in the weekly GSC email and on the GSC website. Questions should be emailed to Tara Pfaff.

A. Fairbanks, present, no report.
E. Garcia, present, no report.

K. Penugonda reported the GSC budget 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: $55,801.49
  - Balance: $45,376.91*
  - *Note: $32,000 has been awarded for travel grant period 4 -- 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 4 -- reimbursement requests are now being submitted and processed.

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

Dr. C. Shanklin, not present, traveling for University business.

Dr. D. Crawford, not present, ill.

K. Grinter reported that the last SGA meeting (2012-2013) was held on Thursday and the SGA passed several different resolutions, including some small allocations. He also mentioned that the union renovation referendum passed and will result in an increase the student privilege fee by $20 starting in the fall of 2013. K. Lopez reported that a swearing in ceremony for the new senators occurred at Thursday’s meeting and informed the Council that some cabinet positions are still available if anyone is interested.
5.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports:

Allocations – K. Penugonda reported that the Council members should become familiar with the new travel grant application process. The next application deadline is June 1 for travel in the month September.

Research Forums – A. Fairbanks mentioned that the Research Forums committee held a debriefing meeting and are making plans for events next academic term.

Student Affairs – M. Brown informed the Council that the committee will be hosting an ice-cream social event on May 9th from 3:00-5:00p.m. on the eastside of Fairchild Hall and asked the Council members to help make the event successful. She also informed the Council there is a social events survey being distributed via the weekly GSC email and encouraged everyone to take the survey.

International Student Affairs – M. Rai, not present, but T. Wadian reported on her behalf. T. Wadian stated that there will be many International Student events over the summer and to keep an eye out for details to be announced throughout the summer.

Professional Development- A. Fairbanks reported that the Theater Delta performances were successful. There were approximately 30 attendees at the two performances for students (Research Ethics & Suicide/Depression).

Fundraising – J. Hardy, not present, no report.

Awards and Recognition – C. Bonnelly reported that the Awards and Recognition Newsletters was distributed in this week’s GSC email and is available on the GSC website.

6.0 University-Wide Representative Reports

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

Union Governing Board – K. Lopez reported that the $25 million renovation, ‘Your Union’ referendum had passed with nearly 75% voters’ approval. She also noted that a several changes in the Union are scheduled for fall semester 2013. She asked the attendees to send feedback, ideas and recommendations about menu choices, the products and services to be offered in the bookstore and other services desired in the Union. K. Grinter informed the Council about the clearance sale in the Union bookstore because Varney’s is leaving. K. Grinter also notified the Council that the Union will be open 24 hours during finals week.
Library Committee – L. Reiter reported that the Library committee will be meeting with President Schulz this week and if the Council members have any concerns/questions to convey to please email her.

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

8020 Committee – K. Grinter, present, no report.

State Affairs – L. Teague reported that the legislature reconvened today. She also reported that Governor Brownback is on campus today talking with administrations to show them he supports higher education in Kansas.


7.0 Upcoming events:
- **May 9** – GSC Ice Cream Social, 3:00-5:00p.m., east-side of Fairchild hall.
- **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
- **June 1** - GSC Travel Grant application deadline for Travel Period 1 (July 1 – Sept 31; Due: 5:00p.m. CST)
  - **June 5** - KSU Career Speaker Series – Diane Darling (Topic: Make Your Network Work for YOU!; 8:00-9:00p.m.).
    http://www.expertwebinarseries.com/k-state

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