Graduate Student Council GSC General Meeting Minutes

Monday December 2, 2013
12:00-1:00 p.m. Union

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Carol Shanklin, Taylor Wadian, Amanda Fairbanks, Kavitha Penugonda, Erik Garcia, Lauren Reiter, Jared Nyagol, Emily Reinhardt, Michael Reichenberger, Bethany Quesnell, Lacey Solheid, Nick Colsch, Chuyuan Wang, Barbara Amoah, Neda Dadashzadeh, Phillip Defoe, Jay Weeker, Angela Anegon, Amanda Martens,

Call to Order

1.0 Review and Approval of Agenda

T. Wadian asked the Council members 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. No discussion.

2.0 Review and Approval of GSC General Minutes from November 4, 2013

T. Wadian requested an approval of the November 4, 2013 General Meeting Minutes.

Motion #1: Move to approve the General Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion approved. No discussion.

3.0 Officer Reports

T. Wadian informed the Council that he has scheduled a Spring semester meeting with President Schulz for the Leadership team. T. Wadian thanked the Council for their participation in the online Facebook chat with President Schulz and Dean Shanklin. T. Wadian reported that there will be another pizza party during the first Council meeting in the Spring semester, 2014.
**A. Fairbanks** present, no report

**K. Penugonda** absent, but **T. Wadian** reported on her behalf. **T. Wadian** stated that for fiscal year 2014 the Graduate Student Council has a total budget of $123,896.52 comprised from the General fund and Presidential allocation. To date, Graduate Student Council has spent approximately $15,000. The Foundation fund has a balance of $3,000 and has spent approximately $58 and fundraised approximately $300.

**E. Garcia** present, no report

**Advisor Reports:**

**Dean Shanklin** invited the Council and all graduate students to the Fall commencement on Friday December 13, 2013 at 1:00 PM; Orlando Taylor is the commencement speaker. The Negotiating Brownbag PowerPoint presentation is now available on the Graduate School website in the archive portal.

**Associate Dean Crawford** absent, no report

**4.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports**

**J. Vosalik and K. Grinter:** absent and no report.

**5.0 GSC Committee Reports**

**Allocations:** **K. Penugonda** absent, but **T. Wadian** reported on her behalf. **T. Wadian** reported that for December travel, Allocations received 20 travel applications. Fifteen applications were funded for a total allocation of $5,400.

**Research Forums:** **A. Fairbanks** informed the General Council K-State Research Forum abstract submission is open now through December 20, 2013. Capitol Graduate Research Summit is scheduled on February 13, 2014. Next year’s date for Research and the State has been scheduled for Tuesday October 28, 2014.

**Student Affairs:** **T. Wadian** informed the Council that the December 13, 2013 graduate student mixer has been cancelled. A graduate student mixer is scheduled after New Graduate Student Orientation on January 15, 2014.
International Student Affairs: M. Rai absent but T. Wadian reported on her behalf. T. Wadian reported there will be a Healthcare in the US presentation on December 4; 2013 at 6:00 PM in the International Student Center.

Professional Development: L. Reiter informed the Council that December 2, 2013 is the Library & Your Research event, “Preparing Your Electronic Thesis, Dissertation, or Report” in the HaleRoom 301. L. Solheid reported Careers in Academia Panel is scheduled for January 27, 2014 at 3:30 p.m., a room is still being scheduled, but it will be in the Union

Fundraising: T. Wadian informed the Council about the event at Texas Roadhouse. On December 3, 2013, Texas Roadhouse is offering 10% of all proceeds be donated to GSC. Customers must inform their waiter they are supporting GSC so they can note this when they bill is paid.

Awards & Recognition: A. Martens informed the Council that the Awards and Recognition Newsletter is complete and hardcopies will be distributed on December 3, 2013. Dean Shanklin announced the winners were selected for Excellence in Graduate Teaching award. The winner of the master’s division was Kayleen Kelly, a master’s student in Geography, and the winner of the doctoral was Jaimee Hartenstein, a doctoral student in the School of Family Studies and Human Services. Kayleen and Jaimee will be K-State’s nominees for the Midwestern Association of Graduate School’s Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award.

6.0 University-Wide Representatives

Health Insurance: J. Nyagol present, no report.

Union Governing Board: K. Grinter absent no report

Library: No report.

Campus Master Plan: P. Sukthankar absent but no report.

8020: K. Grinter absent no report.

State Affairs: K. Grinter absent no report.

Women of K-State: K. Penugonda absent but T. Wadian reported on her behalf. T. Wadian reported that on December 4, 2013 at 11:30-1:00 there is a Women in Health: Healthy Habits for the Holidays in the Big 12 room in the Union.
University Sustainability Task Force: E. Garcia present, no report.

University Budget Advisory Committee: T. Wadian present, no report.

7.0 Summary of Upcoming Events: T. Wadian briefly highlighted the upcoming events. T. Wadian reiterated the Texas Roadhouse fundraising event on December 3, 2013.

T. Wadian also informed the Council that Graduate Council Student Affairs Committee proposed to Graduate Council that graduate students have the opportunity to be evaluated annually by their adviser. The annual assessment would include three components: (1) graduate students would provide a self-assessment, (2) graduate students would engage in discussion with their adviser, and (3) graduate student would receive formal feedback that provided documentation on their performance. Graduate Council members were not supportive of the review process, suggesting it was not useful because they already provide feedback to graduate students. T. Wadian facilitated a discussion among the graduate students.

There was support from the graduate students for the annual review process. One of the members stated that in industry or academia employees are required to complete a yearly review process. The adviser and graduate student relationship should be viewed as an employer and employee relationship if the student is employed on a graduate assistantship. The opportunity for evaluation is necessary and helps keep graduate student progress on track.

The following question was posed for discussion: Could it be more beneficial to educate graduate students on how to approach their advisers to get the feedback necessary to continue to make adequate progress in their respective degree programs?

The Graduate Council Student Affairs Committee may want to consider illustrating the review process in a way that benefits the adviser.

8.0 Adjournment: T. Wadian adjourned the General Council at 12:40 PM