

GSC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4th, 2021, 12:00 – 1:00 PM,

Zoom: <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/95551955888>

1.0 Approval of Agenda – Pingping Chen

1.1 Attendance was taken (Appendix A).

1.2 Motion to Approve the Agenda.

- I.** David Marcus moved to approve the agenda.
- II.** Tyson Rodriguez seconded to approve of the agenda.
- III.** Motion passed with majority.

2.0 Approval of GSC General Minutes from September 13th, 2021 – Pingping Chen

2.1 Motion to approve the minutes from September 13th, 2021 (Appendix B).

- I.** Laura Bain moved to approve the minutes.
- II.** Pingping Chen seconded the approval of the minutes.
- III.** Motion passed with majority.

3.0 Laura Bonella

3.1 Librarian representative speaker

- I.** The library provides many sources for research help. Contact information for the help desk can be found on the KSU Libraries website.
- II.** You can request a consultation with your specific librarian. Librarians are separated by subject and discipline.
- III.** At the bottom of the library website's homepage there are events. One of those is the graduate research workshop series on Mondays from 1:30-2:30.
- IV.** The library also has designated study spaces for graduate students on the third floor.

4.0 Officer Reports

4.1 President – Pingping Chen

- I.** Pingping encouraged all members to submit a question for the Provost who will be attending the November GSC meeting. Submit these by emailing egsc@ksu.edu.
- II.** The Honor Council has 7 openings, applications can be sent to egsc@ksu.edu. This is a low-commitment opportunity for student to gain professional development. Open until filled.

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- III.** There is an opening for the Union Governing Board Representative. This student would be a voice for graduate students on Union events and programming. Submit your interest to egsc@ksu.edu.
- IV.** There has been a policy change in Teams. Chat messages will expire every 30 days. Group chats will expire every 60 days. Please put correspondence in the general feed.
- V.** Dining Dollars for sale for on-campus use. These could be used at various locations on campus.

4.2 President Elect – David Marcus

- I.** Research Forum has finished collecting applications for the Research and the State event.
- II.** David is working with the student affairs faculty committee to promote multicultural event on campus.

4.3 Secretary – Hannah Rollison

- I.** Hannah is working on ways to improve the format of the GSC weekly email.

4.4 Treasurer – Tyson Rodriguez

- I.** Travel Awards
 - i.** October award allocations
 - a.** Number of awards: 37
 - b.** Travel allocation: \$14,432.41

4.5 GSC-SGA Liaison – Laura Bain

- I.** Graduate student representative positions are in the process of being filled by the SGA.
- II.** Vaccination rates had been growing but have been lowered with the freshman class. Lafene is offering free vaccinations for all students.
- III.** SGA executive members will be meeting with the Kansas and DC legislatures. Laura is asking for any graduate student concerns we would like to advocate to be discussed at these ventures. Email Laura with your ideas.
 - i.** David voiced his concerns about a graduate student not attending these summits. There has been a historical lack of interest from graduate students to get involved with this. David has offered to look into attending.
- IV.** SGA is working on making ID cards more useful for access to buildings.
- V.** SGA does approve travel allocations that student groups can apply for travel up to \$1000.

5.0 Advisor Reports

5.1 Graduate School, Dean Petrescu

- I.** No report.

5.2 Graduate School, Associate Dean Reznikoff

- I. Dean Reznikoff recommends joining the Honor Council as a service opportunity.
- II. William Velez will speak about diversity within STEM fields on Oct. 5th at 2:30.

5.3 Graduate School, Dr. Megan Miller

- I. Oct 7th there will be a session on identifying fellowship opportunities and funding for research for a variety of disciplines.
- II. Oct. 8th is the deadline for December graduates who want their name printed in the graduation booklet.

6.0 Reports from Committees & Representatives

6.1 Professional Development – Nirupama Kotian and Linah Alkotami

- I. The professional development committee has two upcoming events: Strategies and Tools for Graduate Academic Success (Time Management) on Oct. 5 and Writing an Effective CV and Resume on Oct. 15th. See more information [here](#).
- II. All graduate students can earn a PD certificate by attending 5 PD events.

6.2 Awards & Recognitions – Leah Fields

- I. Call for Committee Members/Volunteers: We are currently looking for both a co-chair and committee members. This committee is fun and a pretty low commitment, so it's a great way to get more involved with the GSC and more connected to the graduate community as a whole. Our committee helps coordinate the Awards and Recognition event which occurs in the springtime. This event aims to recognize all the things graduate students have accomplished during the school year. Hopefully we will be able to have this event in person this year so I would love to have other people to help serve on this committee!
- II. Another student is needed to review the Graduate Student Teaching Award.

6.3 Fundraising Committee

- I. Thank you to those who have helped with the fundraising events.

6.4 Student Affairs –Cristiane Brazil

- I. The committee is planning a Halloween Zoom Party to play Mingle Bingle and chat with other graduate students. They are aiming for November 1st, right after Halloween. Advertising should start in a couple of weeks.
- II. They also have plans for a Holiday themed party, which will happen December 8th at McCain after the show "A Canadian Brass Christmas". They will have music and take pictures. They are planning on making a photo booth as well. More details upcoming soon.

6.5 Research Forums – Adelaide Klutse

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- I.** Research and the State will be organized on October 27th, 2021, at the Union Courtyard from 1pm-3pm. The awards ceremony will follow soon after from 4pm-5pm in the Big 12 room. A total of 32 abstracts were received for this event.

6.6 Public Relations – Luana M. Simao and Vinusha

- I.** Public Relations reminded all graduate students to follow GSC on social medias. Email PR team early for any graphics needed for events or the weekly email.

6.7 Health Insurance – Piper Brandt

- I.** No report.

6.8 Government Relations – Ramona Weber

- I.** No report.

6.9 Recreational Services – Kiana Schulze

- I.** No report.

6.10 Diversity Advocate – Raymond Thomas

- I.** No report.

6.11 Housing Representative – Julia Hagen

- I.** No report.

6.12 Parent/Guardian Advocate – Brooke Lynn Thingvold

- I.** No report.

6.13 Library Services Representative – Dylan Sears

- I.** No report.

6.14 Veteran Affairs – Jaymi Peterson

- I.** No report.

6.15 Global Campus Representative – Cheryl Zelle

- I.** No report.

6.16 LGBTQ+ —Hunter Scott

- I.** The Kansas LGBTQ+ Leadership Conference will take place on Friday, October 15th at the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center. This day-long event will feature two key-note speakers and multiple breakout sessions addressing a range of queer issues in order to cultivate queer communities and activate social transformation.

7.0 Open Leadership Positions:

- I.** Union Governing Board

II. Honor Council

8.0 Reminders & Deadlines – Tyson Rodriguez

8.1 Travel Award deadline for December travel is October 1st.

9.0 Other Business – Pingping Chen

10.0 Adjournment – Pingping Chen

Appendix A: Meeting Attendance

Name	Email
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Adelaide Klutse	adklutse@ksu.edu
Isaac Barnhart	ihb@ksu.edu

Appendix B: May 5th, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

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1.2 Motion to Approve the Agenda.

I. Cris Kauer Brazil moved to approve the agenda.

II. The motion was seconded to approve of the agenda.

III. Motion passed with majority.

2.0 Approval of GSC General Minutes from May 5th, 2021 – Pingping Chen

2.1 Motion to approve the minutes from April 5th, 2021 (Appendix B).

I. Cris Kauer Brazil moved to approve the minutes.

II. Ednaldo Borgato seconded the approval of the minutes.

III. Motion passed with majority.

3.0 Officer Reports

3.1 President – Pingping Chen

I. Pingping congratulated the success of the Ice Cream Social event that occurred on Septemeber 10th. She reminded everyone about the Career Connection event that is upcoming and two sessions are left to fill. The All University Career Fair is another upcoming fundraising event. She also mentioned that the Union Governing Board Position is still open.

3.2 President Elect – David Marcus

I. No report.

3.3 Secretary – Hannah Rollison

I. No report.

3.4 Treasurer – Tyson Rodriguez

- I.** Travel Awards
 - i.** September: 3 applicants
 - ii.** Total:
 - iii.** Average:

3.5 GSC-SGA Liaison – Laura Bain

- I.** Laura promoted the two open positions for graduate student representatives in SGA. Reach out to Laura for more information about the position.

4.0 Advisor Reports

4.1 Graduate School, Dean Petrescu

- I.** Dr. Petrescu congratulated the team on the Ice Cream Social event.
- II.** She emphasized the student affairs committee will be addressing the grad student needs reported in the survey last spring and stressed the importance of bringing her graduate student issues that she can help with.

4.2 Graduate School, Associate Dean Reznikoff

- I.** Dr. Reznikoff also emphasized the importance of addressing grad student concerns this year.

4.3 Graduate School, Dr. Megan Miller

- I.** Dr. Miller reminded everyone the deadline for dropping a course with a 100% refund is today (Sept. 13th). Other drop dates are upcoming and a new repeal option can be filed through the registrar office but can only be used for extenuating circumstances.
- II.** For those nearing graduation, Dr. Miller suggested checking the graduation checklist to ensure they are eligible for graduation.
- III.** Dr. Miller promoted the virtual conference, Beyond the Professoriate, is available the last weekend in September and the first weekend of October. The cost of the event is covered by GSC. The program also offer webinars and other helpful resources promoting professional development.

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- I.** Teaching Research and ... event is coming up

5.2 Awards & Recognitions – Leah Fields

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connected to the graduate community as a whole. Our committee helps coordinate the Awards and Recognition event which occurs in the springtime. This event aims to recognize all the things graduate students have accomplished during the school year. Hopefully we will be able to have this event in person this year so I would love to have other people to help serve on this committee!

5.3 Fundraising Committee

- I.** There is still a need for volunteers to attend the Career Center Connections sessions on 9.15.21 from 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. There is also a call for volunteers for the All University Career Fair taking place 9.20.21 – 9.23.21. GSC will receive \$500 for 50 hours or \$100 for every 10 hours. Volunteers are also needed for the Football Cleanup fundraiser on 10.02.21. GSC will receive \$15/person per hour.

5.4 Student Affairs –Cristiane Brazil

- I.** The SA Committee hosted the traditional “Ice Cream Social” on September 10th, Friday, from 11am-1pm. Close to 100 graduate students attended the ice cream social event. They had the participation of Cat’s Cupboard who will talk about their resources and how to find them on Campus. Leadership was present to talk about the GSC and help with recruiting new members while Graduate Students enjoy some Call Hall Ice Cream. For the month of October, the SA Committee is planning a Halloween Zoom Night with virtual games. More details upcoming.

5.5 Research Forums – Adelaide Klutse

- I.** Last academic year, our events were successfully organized online. This semester we have planned for in-person Research and the State Poster presentations. At the last count of entries on 9/7/21 no completed abstracts were submitted.
- II.** Research and the State will be organized on October 27th, 2021, at the Union Courtyard from 1pm-3pm. The awards ceremony will follow soon after from 4pm-5pm in the Big 12 room. Deadline for abstract submission is 9/17/21 at 11:59 pm. All are encouraged to submit and abstract and participate in this learning experience. 10 winners will present their research in Topeka in the Spring. More information: <https://www.k-state.edu/grad/student-success/student-council/research-forums/researchandstate.html>

5.6 Public Relations –

- I.** Public Relations reminded all graduate students to follow GSC on social medias. Email PR team early for any graphics needed for events or the weekly email.

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I. Last fall, the ABC Infant Caregiver Project was reported to the GSC. The program is for parents of young children aged six months to two years to sign up for. This is a ten session program where the goal is to strengthen the attachment bonds between caregiver and child by increasing positive parent-child interactions through nurturance. This is an excellent opportunity for young parents/guardians, students or otherwise, to add tools to their parenting toolbox; especially considering the ongoing strain that education/daycare changes due to COVID has put on young families this past year, alongside the compounded stressors of school and raising children. The program is ongoing and free of charge. All parents/guardians interested in participating, or anyone with questions, can contact me at bthingvold@ksu.edu. You do not have to be a student to participate.

5.13 Library Services Representative – Dylan Sears

I. No report.

5.14 Veteran Affairs – Jaymi Peterson

I. No report.

5.15 Global Campus Representative – Cheryl Zelle

I. The Global Campus Rep. would like to meet virtually with other GSC global campus members and interested graduate students later in September for some ideation about enhancing connection and engagement with global campus students. They will start an activity feed in Teams by the end of this week to start a conversation and set a date/time to meet later this month.

5.16 LGBTQ+ —Hunter Scott

I. No report.

6.0 Open Leadership Positions:

I. Union Governing Board

7.0 Reminders & Deadlines – David Marcus

7.1 Travel Award deadline for December travel is October 1st.

8.0 Other Business – Pingping Chen

8.1 Pingping voiced a concern that communication within GSC is lacking and Co-Chairs need to be continually speaking with committee members to get ideas and share this information to their liaisons. A separate meeting with representatives/co-chairs may help with this issue.

8.2 Pingping announced the next GSC meeting will be in a different physical location. Stay tuned for an updated final location.

8.3 Pingping asked graduate students to bring questions for the university Provost for November meeting.

9.0 Adjournment – Pingping Chen