

GSC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 13th, 2021, 12:00 – 1:00 PM,

Zoom:

1.0 Approval of Agenda – Pingping Chen

1.1 Attendance was taken (Appendix A).

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: 4 awards

ii. Total allocation: \$1,350

iii. Average award amount: \$337.50

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.

5.0 Reports from Committees & Representatives

5.1 Professional Development – Nirupama Kotian and Linah Alkotami

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

5.2 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!

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.

5.7 Health Insurance – Piper Brandt

- I.** No report.

5.8 Government Relations – Ramona Weber

- I.** No report.

5.9 Recreational Services – Kiana Schulze

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I. No report.

5.10 Diversity Advocate – Raymond Thomas

I. No report.

5.11 Housing Representative – Julia Hagen

I. No report.

5.12 Parent/Guardian Advocate – Brooke Lynn Thingvold

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

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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

Appendix A: Meeting Attendance

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Appendix B: May 5th, 2021 General Meeting Minutes

GSC General Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 5th, 2021, 12:00 – 1:00 PM,

Zoom: <https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYud-ivqToiHNXQrIgzTVQb9HDY0kHlubQ1>

1. Approval of Agenda – Hannah E Shear
 1. Attendance was taken via Zoom registration (Appendix A).
 2. Motion to Approve the Agenda.
 - I. Billy Croslow moved to approve the agenda.
 - II. Chelsea Arnold seconded the approval of the agenda.
 - III. Motion passed with majority.
2. Approval of GSC General Minutes from April 5th, 2021 – Hannah E Shear
 1. Motion to approve the minutes from April 5th, 2021 (Appendix B).
 - I. Billy Croslow moved to approve the minutes.
 - II. Chelsea Arnold seconded the approval of the minutes.
 - III. Motion passed with majority.
3. Officer Reports
 1. President – Pingping Chen
 - I. GSC will have its Leadership Retreat on May 20th from 2-5pm on Zoom. A Zoom link will be sent out to participants via email.
 - II. There are open positions for the Fall: Fundraising Co-Chair, Research Forum Co-Chair, Student Affairs Co-Chair, Union Governing Board Representative, and LGBTQ+ Advocate.
 2. President Elect – David Marcus
 - I. No report.
 3. Secretary – Hannah Rollison
 - I. No report.
 4. Treasurer – Tyson Rodriguez
 - I. Travel Awards
 - i. April: 16 applicants
 - ii. Total: \$5,450

iii. Average: \$340.63

5. GSC-SGA Liaison – Laura Bain
I. No report.

4. Advisor Reports

1. Graduate School, Dean Petrescu

I. Dean Petrescu shared that the two graduation ceremonies will be joined as stated in the K-State Today announcement. The ceremony will take place at 9am. Hannah Shear will be the speaker at the ceremony. She also mentioned there is a large interest in graduate education and encouraged the student leaders in GSC to continue sharing what value they get from their graduate education and expressed the importance of working with undergraduate students to promote the interest of all students.

2. Graduate School, Associate Dean Dissanayake

I. Associate Dean Dissanayake shared a message from President Meyers extending support to international students. View the message here: <https://dcm.k-state.edu/k-publisher/preview.php?preview=1&id=74993>

3. Graduate School, Dr. Megan Miller

I. Dr. Miller shared upcoming deadlines for scholarships and awards for graduate students.

i. The deadline for the University Distinguished Professors Graduate Student Award is May 3rd.

ii. The nomination deadline for the Distinguished Thesis and Distinguished Dissertation Award is May 7th.

iii. The application deadline for the Science Communication Fellowship is May 9th.

iv. BioKansas is hosting a webinar on planning for a productive summer. Find more information here: <https://biokansas.z2systems.com/np/clients/biokansas/event.jsp?event=905&>

5. Reports from Committees & Representatives

1. Professional Development – Nirupama Kotian and Linah Alkotami

I. Students who complete the professional development certificate requirements by April 30th, 2021 will be recognized in the virtual GSC Awards and Recognition Reception on May 7th. Students can still complete requirements after that (by May 7th) and receive the certificate, but they will not be recognized in the GSC Awards and Recognition Reception.

2. Awards & Recognitions – Ryan Urban and Jacob Miller

I. The Awards and Recognitions committee is finalizing the Awards and Recognition program and is currently waiting on college awards. They have been revising the script for the ceremony. As soon as they have the script set they will distribute it. The program starts at 1pm on May 7th.

3. Fundraising – Zilfa Irakoze

I. The Fundraising Committee hosted 2 events this semester that were successful thanks to the help and participation of various GSC members. On March 9th, 2021 they hosted a fundraiser with Panda Express and on

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May 1st, 2021 they hosted a free 5k run/walk Grad Dash. They would like to thank all of those who made the event possible.

4. Student Affairs –Cristiane Brazil
I.The Student Affairs Committee thanked all of the Grad Dash volunteers and participants for making the event a success. There were about 50 runners in the events and fun rewards were given out at the end of the race.
5. Research Forums – Adelaide Klutse
I.No report.
6. Public Relations – Sara Savatovic and Barikisu Issaka
I.No report.
7. Health Insurance – Piper Brandt
I.No report.
8. Government Relations – Ramona Weber
I.The Department of Education will receive a \$129.9 million increase from funding sources for the fiscal year 2021. This includes a \$244.6 million increase in SGF. K-State will receive \$160,080 for the KSU Polytechnic campus for the fiscal year 2021.
9. Recreational Services – Kiana Schulze
I.No report.
10. Diversity Advocate – Raymond Thomas
I.No report.
11. Housing Representative – Julia Hagen
I.No report.
12. Parent/Guardian Advocate – Brooke Lynn Thingvold
I.No report.
13. Library Services Representative – Dylan Sears
I.No report.
14. Veteran Affairs – Jaymi Peterson
I.No report.
15. Global Campus Representative – Cheryl Zelle
I.No report.
16. Open Leadership Positions:
I.Fundraising Co-Chair
II.Union Governing Board
III.Student Affairs Co-Chair

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IV. Research Forums Co-Chair

V. LGBTQ+ Advocate

6. Reminders & Deadlines – David Marcus

1. Travel Award deadline for August travel is June 1st.
2. GSC Leadership Retreat will take place on May 20th from 2-5pm.
3. Awards and Recognition ceremony will be on May 7th at 1pm.

7. Other Business – Pingping Chen

1. Pingping gave a reminder of the open GSC leadership positions for the Fall semester. Information about these positions can be found on the GSC website. Interested applications can also reach out to Pingping Chen with any questions.

8. Adjournment – Pingping Chen