# Graduate Student Council (GSC) General Meeting Agenda

**Monday, April 6th, 2020**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Zoom: [https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpQkdeuqpz1vropN7cnhccKH6Bfm_5Ym9w](https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpQkdeuqpz1vropN7cnhccKH6Bfm_5Ym9w)

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<td>• The fundraising committee had four events scheduled this semester: Basketball recycling, trivia night, Panda Express and Grad Dash. Unfortunately, the last three events had to be canceled due to the current situation. However, the committee is planning to hold a Trivia Night during the Fall 2020 semester.</td>
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- Recreational Services
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- Diversity Advocate
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- LGBTQ+ Advocate
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- Veteran Affairs
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- Women of K-State
  - No report.
- Open representative positions:
  - Library
Appendix A

GSC General Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 2nd, 12:00 – 1:00 PM, The Ekdahl Conference Room, Regnier Hall

1.0 Approval of Agenda – Hannah Shear
   1.1 Attendance forms were distributed (Appendix A).
   1.2 Motion to Approve the Agenda.
      I. Unanimously approved

2.0 Approval of GSC General Minutes from February 3rd, 2020 – Hannah Shear
   2.1 Motion to approve the minutes from February 3rd, 2020 (Appendix B).
      I. Unanimously approved

3.0 GSC Election Candidate Introductions
   3.1 President-Elect
      I. Pingping Chen
   3.2 Secretary
      I. Bailey Hinkle
   3.3 Treasurer
      I. Devin Brand
   3.4 Candidates expressed their desire to run for their respective positions during the meeting, full candidate statements can be found in Appendix C.
   3.5 Elections will open this afternoon, an individualized link will be sent via email for everyone to vote.

4.0 Officer Reports
   4.1 President – Manzamasso Hodjo
      I. Manzamasso is traveling to collect data for his dissertation.
   4.2 President Elect – Hannah Shear
      I. Elections are starting. Planning for our GSC leadership summit is in the process. Information about open positions and committee applications for committee members and co-chair positions will be available after spring break.
   4.3 Secretary – Bailey Hinkle
      I. The secretary reminded GSC members to check their weekly emails for important information and opportunities.
   4.4 Treasurer – Olabisi Ekong
      I. Travel Awards
i. Travel award recipient speaker: Katie Allen
   a. Katie received a travel award and finished her doctoral program in Education in December. She expressed the importance in gaining experience presenting at national conferences. She attended conferences in New York City and New Orleans. Katie expressed her thankfulness for the travel awards to help with the opportunity to go to these conferences which gave her confidence in presenting and the opportunity to meet new acquaintances interested in her same area. Katie is now in the job market and is looking forward to begin her career.

ii. Travel award recipient speaker: Hannah Quellhorst
   a. Hannah received $450 to attend a conference in St. Louis. She expressed the feeling of conferences being somewhat mandatory in her field of study and the cost of these can be difficult at times. She presented at the conference in St. Louis and participated in a talk and symposium. She was very active in the conference and helped with multiple meeting activities.

II. Revision of Travel Award application criteria
   i. Numerous travel awards are given to students who do not actively participate in the GSC. A survey was distributed to members present to obtain their input on potential changes in the criteria for our travel awards to reflect the importance of participation in GSC activities and events.
   ii. Approximately 60-70% of travel award recipients are not involved in the GSC at all.

4.5 GSC-SGA Liaison – Billy Croslow
   I. Senate elections were just completed with two senators winning the election for GSC senators and numerous interested candidates wrote in their names for consideration. These interested individuals will be contacted to move forward with filling the open positions.
   II. The motion to allocate excess funding from a bond to Cats Cupboard passed. Cats Cupboard will receive $500,000 over the next three years.

5.0 Advisor Reports
   5.1 Graduate School, Dean Shanklin
   I. The administrative team in the Graduate School met with the K-State Foundation to discuss priorities in funding and fundraising. Areas for focus continue in travel awards and the development of a fellowship program. A significant number of new scholarships have been given over the last three years, about 90% of them are for graduate or undergraduate students ($2,000 each). The team continues advocating a formula so not all scholarships go to undergraduates.
   II. Open textbooks are the focus of K-State’s All For One campaign that is scheduled for March 25th.
   III. March 25th there is a virtual career fair sign up is available through Career Services. Information about the event was in K-State Today on March 2nd. Tomorrow evening the Spotlight event is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. in Forum Hall. This event would be of interest and beneficial to current graduate teaching assistants and those interested in teaching.
IV. Graduation applications through KSIS need to be submitted prior to your approval forms. This initiates communication with the Graduate School to students who are planning to graduate in May. Deadlines for future graduations have been posted.

5.2 Graduate School, Associate Dean Dissanayake

5.3 Graduate School, Dr. Megan Miller

I. Wednesday of last week was the Capitol Graduate Research Summit. Students presented their research at the Capitol. Three of our students received awards at this event.

II. Last Thursday was the 3MT final competition; there were three winners from this competition. The first-place winner will represent K-State at the MAGS competition in April.

III. March 27-29th is the SciComm Conference. There are grants through the Graduate School for this conference specifically, information can be found in the weekly email.

IV. The Graduate Student Leadership Workshop Series has begun. This series is a part of the leadership development program, but the workshops are open to all interested in attending.

V. There is a lecture series, What Matters to Me and Why? and Dean Shanklin will be speaking on Thursday. RSVP is necessary for the talk; lunch will be provided during this session.

VI. The Graduate Student Writing Retreat application deadline is March 18th. This retreat gives students the time and space to accomplish writing but it not for receiving edits.

6.0 Reports from Committees & Representatives

6.1 Professional Development – Priscila Guzman and James Lin

I. The Professional Development committee hosted three events this past month: Writing Effective Research Papers (Feb 4), How to Explain Your Thesis is 180 Seconds (Feb 7) and Grant Writing 101 (Feb 19).

II. The next events are: Oral Presentations 101 (March 4) and Exploring Non-Academic Job Opportunities: A Panel Discussion with Professionals from Government and Industry (April). You can find more information and the registration link for all events in the PD section of the GSC website.

III. You can achieve a GSC Professional Development Certificate by attending at least five PD events and complete the post-workshop surveys. If you are unable to attend the events in person, you can receive credit by watching the workshop videos online and completing the surveys.

6.2 Awards & Recognitions – Ryan Urban

I. The criteria for the Spotlight Series have been submitted to the GSC Executive Committee for final approvals.

II. The GSC Awards and Recognition Reception is scheduled for April 14th; more information will be available soon. Arrow Catering has been chosen. Individual emails will be sent to students who are being recognized at the reception.

III. If anyone has ideas for free centerpiece options, they are much needed. We would need 29 total centerpieces.

6.3 Fundraising – Narmadha Mohankumar and Emily Parker
I. The fundraising committee has four events scheduled this semester:
   i. Last week, Feb 26th, we had the basketball recycling event
   ii. Disney Themed Trivia Night: March 26th from 7 – 9 pm at JP’s in the Union. A volunteer for MC is needed for this event.
   iii. Panda Express on campus: April 9th all day. You must show a digital or hard copy of the Panda Express flyer, these will be circulated via email and social media closer to the event date. Volunteers are needed to distribute flyers outside of the Student Union.
   iv. Grad Dash: April 25th tentative; we are planning to use the same path as last year. The original date may have to be changed due to conflicts.

6.4 Student Affairs – Nirupama Kotian and Naomi Manu
   I. In recognition of International Women’s Day, the Student Affairs committee and the K-State Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering are hosting a Women in STEM social event on March 5th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in Regnier Forum. Dr. Jung Oh from the Salina campus and Dr. Erika Giesbrecht from the Biochemistry department, Manhattan campus, will be speaking at the event. Networking will follow the lectures.
   II. GSC leaders and committee members are encouraged to spread word of the event. Past events have struggled with very low attendance. We would like to consider a points system for attending SA events.
   III. The committee met on Friday, Feb 21, to discuss potential topics for future events and planning of the current event. Communication is taking place between the committee and the Academic Achievement Center for a possible event in April.

6.5 Research Forums – Nicholas Neumann and Tej Man Tamang
   I. Leadership of the Research Forums committee is working in timely manner to organize the K-GRAD event. The oral competition will be held on March 25th and the poster competition will be held on March 26th in Regnier Hall and the Student Union Courtyard, respectively. The information about the event has been forwarded to the PR committee and they have shared on social media and it has been included in the weekly email. Volunteers are needed to moderate these various sessions.
   II. The committee met on Feb 6th to discuss details of the event. A total of 54 participants submitted abstracts. These abstracts have been reviewed by the committee. Since there were too few poster abstracts, there will be only one session. The committee is recruiting judges for the event.

6.6 Public Relations – Holly Speck and Jessie Piper
   I. No report.

6.7 Housing Representative – Keisha Kennedy Clark
   I. No report

6.8 Health Insurance – Nathan Astle
   I. No reports

6.9 Union Governing Board (UGB) – Anthony Diproperzio
I. The UGB is looking into implementing an e-sports gaming area in the bowling center.

6.10 Government Relations – Claudia Hissong

I. The House Higher Education Budget Committee recommendations:
   i. Consider adding $10 million to the block grant to Kansas Board of Regents at Omnibus bill decision in the Veto Session.
   ii. Add $250,000 to the Midwest Stem Cell Institute at Kansas State.
   iii. Add $5 million to the Comprehensive Grant Program for student need-based aid.

II. The Senate Ways and Means Subcommittee recommendations:
   i. Consider adding $12.3 million to the block grant to Kansas Board of Regents at Omnibus bill decisions in the Veto Session.
   ii. Consider adding $5 million for the Global Institute for Food, Health and Biosecurity at Omnibus bill decision in the Veto Session.
   iii. Add $2.5 million to the Comprehensive Grant Program for student need-based aid.
   iv. Add $2.5 million for the Kansas Access Partnership Grant program for need-based aid at the Kansas Board of Regents.

III. The next two legislative review session are cancelled due to spring break.

6.11 Recreational Services – Alayna Colburn

I. No report

6.12 Diversity Advocate – Mari Edwards

I. No report

6.13 LGBTQ+ Advocate – Destiny Bell

I. No report

6.14 Veterans Affairs – Billy Croslow

I. No report.

6.15 Open Representative Positions:

I. Library

7.0 Reminders & Deadlines – Bailey Hinkle

7.1 Voting for the 2020 GSC Executive Elections will open this afternoon and remain open until March 13th

7.2 Oral Presentations 101 – March 4th, 2:30 to 3:30 PM in Wildcat Chamber

7.3 KGRAD – March 25th in Regnier Hall, March 26th in Student Union Courtyard

7.4 Travel Award Deadline for June travel is April 1st

7.5 Do not use extension cords upstairs in Eisenhower it is a fire code violation

7.6 Include a “need for accommodations” section in any applications or forms you create

   I. When we are making any graphics or forms make sure they are electronic reader friendly and for any events we are hosting be sure
to include a box on the registration form for any need for accommodations
8.0 Other Business – Hannah Shear

8.1 An email will be sent to allow submission of questions for the guest speaker attending our April Meeting.

9.0 Adjournment – Hannah Shear