Graduate Student Council (GSC) General Meeting Agenda  
Monday, May 4th, 2020  
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Zoom: [https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpQkdeuqpzIvropN7cnhccKH6Bfm_5Ym9w](https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpQkdeuqpzIvropN7cnhccKH6Bfm_5Ym9w)

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  • President  
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  • Secretary  
  • Treasurer  
    - Travel Awards  
  • GSC-SGA Liaison  | • Hannah Shear  
  • Pingping Chen  
  • Bailey Hinkle  
  • Devin Brand  
  • Billy Croslow |             | Information|
| 12:30 p.m. | 5.0  | Advisor Reports  
  • Updates  | • Dean Shanklin  
  • Dean Dissanayake  
  • Dr. Miller |             | Information|
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  o No report.  
  • Awards & Recognition  
  o The Awards and Rec committee is compiling an Awards Program in place of the reception.  
  • Fundraising  
  o No report.  
  • Student Affairs  
  o No report.  
  • Research Forums  
  o No report.  
  • Public Relations  
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  • LGBTQ+ Advocate  
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  • Veteran Affairs  
  o No report.  
  • Women of K-State  
  o No report.  
  • Open representative positions:  
  o Library |
| 6.0 | | • Priscila Guzman & James Lin  
  • Ryan Urban  
  • Narmadha Mohankumar & Emily Parker  
  • Nirupama Kotian & Naomi Manu  
  • Nick Neumann & Tej Man Tamang  
  • Holly Speck & Jessie Piper  
  • Keisha Kennedy Clark  
  • Nathan Astle  
  • Anthony Diproperzio  
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<td>• Travel Award Deadline for August travel is June 1st</td>
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Appendix A

GSC General Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 6th, 12:00 – 1:00 PM,
Zoom: https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpQkdeuqzp1vropN7cnhccKH6Bfm_5Ym9w

1.0 Approval of Agenda – Manzamasso Hodjo
   1.1 Attendance was taken via Zoom registration (Appendix A).
   1.2 Motion to Approve the Agenda.
      I. Alayna Colburn moved to approve the agenda.
      II. Meghan Brence second the approval of the agenda.
      III. Motion passed.

2.0 Approval of GSC General Minutes from March 2nd, 2020 – Manzamasso Hodjo
   2.1 Motion to approve the minutes from March 2nd, 2020 (Appendix B).
      I. Billy Croslow moved to approve the minutes.
      II. Hunter Biram second the approval of the minutes.
      III. Motion passed.

3.0 Guest Speaker – Dr. Jeannie Brown Leonard, Vice Provost for Student Success
   3.1 Who does the vice provost oversee and what is your role?
      I. A few questions were given to Dr. Brown Leonard before the meeting, those were: “Who does the Vice Provost for Student Success oversee?” and “What is the roll of the Vice Provost for Student Success?”
      i. The Vice Provost for Student Success is a new position at K-State which emerged from the strategic enrollment management work that has been evolving over the past several years. The university is attempting to create a leadership team that includes representatives from student life and provost office who think about the K-State experience as a holistic experience rather than the usual thoughts that commonly drive higher education. Dr. Brown Leonard works with undergraduate and graduate students. Her team has not officially established working relationships due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The academic and social support area includes the academic achievement, academic coaching, tutoring, Office of First-Generation Students, TRIO McNair Scholars Program, testing center, and advising. The academic and social challenging area includes K-State first transition programming, honors, undergraduate research, developing scholars and post graduate fellowship work. Dr. Brown Leonard has a collaborative leadership style so she desires to create a team that
leverages their existing strengths and identifies gaps they may have to build up and create more consistency across campus and realign some of the work they are doing to make better strategic use of their resources for students.

II. Dr. Brown Leonard asked the GSC what student success means to them?
   i. Hannah Shear expressed student success to graduate students as the process moving through their respective programs at their respective rate. Dr. Brown Leonard agreed and would like to look more into the data on retention rate for graduate students and their progression. Both of these factors are important as well as communication. She noted that she would like to see the corresponding data for these areas. Dean Shanklin proposed the thought of finding a way to track the progress of students across campus.
   ii. Alayna Colburn expressed personal thoughts regarding her current situation due to COVID-19: what happens if you do everything right, you pass your exams, and you apply for positions after graduate school but due to this pandemic many opportunities especially in higher education when universities are implementing hiring freeze. Students are stuck not knowing what to do and possibly without a job. Dr. Brown Leonard rebutted with this being a great example of the current reality and how the success of students is usually measure in their life after school and the positions they take which is not a great measure at a time like now. So, the focus should be more on what can K-State do to support students and provide guidance in these situations that they have no control over. Helping students find their parallel plan rather than a “plan B” to help still giving students meaning to their degrees and the work they have put into them.
   iii. Raymond Thomas offered an idea to monitor the exposure of students to different research opportunities during their program. Dr. Brown Leonard expressed the students advising being very unique to every student but finding those certain points that give an opportunity to nudge students into ideas and opportunities would be a great idea. Dean Shanklin suggested putting out a survey to find what students career interests are so the Graduate School can tailor events to the current group of graduate students at the time. The GSC had two career panels scheduled to help address different areas of interests outside of academia but were canceled due to the pandemic. There are plans to address these early in the fall. Billy Croslow added the opportunity to catch those practices even across programs to share the ideas so other students have the opportunity to benefit even if they are not in the same area of focus.
   iv. Claudia Hissong asked about the importance of advising and what were the pros and cons to the different models used across campus and whether K-State will be shifting to one universal option. Dr. Brown Leonard is currently diving deeper into the undergraduate side of advising. K-State is decentralized when it comes to advising with some having primary role specialty advisers and some having faculty advisers. The research from the strategic management work made it clear that the inconsistency is a problem and the student experience vary very differently depending on the college the student was in. Some things that have been identified as very important to share expectation regarding advising and that it should be holistic
rather than transactional. Another is the importance factor regardless of who does the advising is holding advisors accountable for the shared expectations. Dean Shanklin asked how the value and accountability can be pushed to departments and the importance of determining effectiveness of each adviser. Dr. Brown Leonard believes the first step is to open the conversation up with the department and using the evidence that has been proven through literature. It is important to define it, measure and share the correlation to the faculty to show them how important their investment in mentorship is.

III. Dr. Brown Leonard began her career in student affairs initially in admissions and then career counseling and academic advising. Her PhD focused on interdisciplinary learning and building interdisciplinary theory for curriculum. She then became a faculty member and directed the bachelor program of individualized studies. She then moved back into the administration side as dean. All of these experiences have given her many opportunities to bring into her new role at K-State.

4.0 Officer Reports

4.1 President – Manzamasso Hodjo

I. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as President over the past years and to everyone who provided support and shared concerns and ideas to move GSC forward. Thanks to all the chairs, co-chairs and committee members for their leadership and supporting the executive team. Thank you to each of our executive team members and advisers and supporting each other. The new executive team will officially begin their service on May 1\textsuperscript{st} so please support the new executive team moving forward.

II. The election results were Pingping Chen as president-elect, Bailey Hinkle as secretary, and Devin Brand as treasurer.

4.2 President Elect – Hannah Shear

I. The new executive team has been working hard to fill the leadership positions. They met over the weekend to review applications and make the selections. There were 36 total applications; some decisions were hard to choose. We still have a few positions open and applications will be open until the fall to fill these positions. Some of these positions are:

\begin{itemize}
  \item[i.] Fundraising co-chair
  \item[ii.] Awards and Recognition co-chair
  \item[iii.] Housing Representative
  \item[iv.] Union Governing Board Representative
  \item[v.] Library Representative
  \item[vi.] Recreational Services Representative
  \item[vii.] Veteran Affairs Representative
  \item[viii.] Parent/Guardian Advocate
\end{itemize}

II. The team has been working to put together the GSC leadership workshop to help plan for the coming year. The date is April 25\textsuperscript{th} via Zoom.
III. Pingping introduced herself and excitement for the future executive team.

4.3 Secretary – Bailey Hinkle
   I. Expressed thanks to everyone who applied for leadership positions in the GSC. She encouraged everyone to read the weekly emails to identify ways to connect with the executive team, advisers and participate in professional development events that are available through Zoom.

4.4 Treasurer – Olabisi Ekong
   I. Thanked everyone for their support during this journey. GSC has helped Olabisi connect with K-State and supported her throughout her graduate student experience.
   II. Travel Awards
      i. May: 16 applicants, (15 domestic and 1 international)
      ii. Total: $6,450

III. Devin introduced himself and excited moving forward with GSC.

4.5 GSC- SGA Liaison – Billy Croslow
   I. The incoming senators begin their terms on Thursday, April 9th along with the speaker position and student body president. He will help with the new executive transition.
   II. Meghan Brence – The last senate meeting was exciting to hear the passion that was shown throughout the year. A few items were finalized that needed to be completed before the incoming senate could take over including decision on privilege fee committee proposals. She expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve and represent graduate students.
   III. McKenzie Zimmerman – The leadership was excellent in transitioning to online meetings. She is excited to see what the new senate accomplishes in the upcoming year.

5.0 Advisor Reports

5.1 Graduate School, Dean Shanklin
   I. Dean Shanklin announced that this week is Graduate Student Appreciation Week. She expressed appreciation to everyone for everything they do and their dedication to all graduate students at K-State.
   II. Participation has been good on the Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesdays. She asked if there are any questions on the A/Pass/Fail. Graduate students must receive a “C” or better to receive a “P” and “A” will appear on the transcript and count towards your grade point average. A “D” will be recorded as an “F” on the transcript and count towards your grade point average. May and August graduates will be invited to participate in the Graduate School December Commencement. Diplomas will be mailed at the normal time. Resources and links are being communicated to graduate students through the Graduate School newsletter and the GSC
weekly email. There is a link to a frequently asked questions page on the Graduate School website. Students are encouraged to utilize the keep learning webpage through K-State as well as the keep teaching webpage if students are teaching at this time.

5.2 Graduate School, Associate Dean Dissanayake

   I. A specific contact information list has been developed and posted on the Graduate School website to help students find the correct contact to email regarding their questions. If software is needed to work from home many options are available to download for K-State students. Be sure to maintain you social distancing. It is important for everyone to stay safe during this time.

5.3 Graduate School, Dr. Megan Miller

   I. Thanks to executive officers, committee chairs and members and all of the graduate students. The Graduate School appreciates all graduate students and everything they do for the Graduate School and K-State.

6.0 Reports from Committees & Representatives

6.1 Professional Development – Priscila Guzman and James Lin

   I. The PD committee hosted their last in-person event on March 4th: Oral Presentation 101
   II. For those still pursuing a Professional Development Certificate, the committee encourages you to watch the videos of past event and fill out the survey at the end of the video. PD Videos
   III. Link for a free “Speed Reading 101” webinar: https://courses.irisreading.com/speed-reading-techniques

6.2 Awards & Recognitions – Ryan Urban

   I. With the cancellation of the reception, the committee is working on putting together a digital program to distribute to highlight the awards that would have been announced at the reception.

6.3 Fundraising – Narmadha Mohankumar and Emily Parker

   I. 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.

6.4 Student Affairs – Nirupama Kotian and Naomi Manu

   I. Andrew Kohls contacted the committee regarding an event that was previously being planned for the semester. The committee is considering hosting the event via Zoom.

6.5 Research Forums – Nicholas Neumann and Tej Man Tamang

   I. Leadership of the Research Forums committee canceled the K-GRAD event due to the risk associated with COVID-19. The event was scheduled for March 25 and 26. All of the participants and judges were notified about the cancellation.
   II. For any questions, please contact Nick Neumann (nicholl@ksu.edu) or Tej Tamang (tejman@ksu.edu).

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 report.

6.9 Union Governing Board (UGB) – Anthony Diproporzio
   I. No report.

6.10 Government Relations – Claudia Hissong
   I. No report.

6.11 Recreational Services – Alayna Colburn
   I. No report

6.12 Diversity Advocate – Mari Edwards
   I. No report

6.13 LGBTQA+ 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 – Hannah Shear
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   7.2 GSC Zoom Coffee Hour – Fridays 1 – 2 PM
   7.3 Travel Award Deadline for July travel is May 1st

8.0 Other Business – Manzamasso Hodjo
   8.1 Bailey informed everyone that the meeting agendas are available to download from the respective weekly email and meeting minutes will be uploaded to the GSC website once they are finalized.

9.0 Adjournment – Manzamasso Hodjo