# Graduate Student Council (GSC) General Meeting Agenda

**Monday, September 14th, 2020**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Zoom: [https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcemvrjkgHtW3HA_iSQGyo7EMT0CZyjgb](https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUkcemvrjkgHtW3HA_iSQGyo7EMT0CZyjgb)

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| 12:40  | Reports from Committees & Representatives | • Professional Development  
  - The Professional Development events will be held virtually this semester. The committee is partnering with BioKansas to host a series of events. These events will count toward the PD certificate; however, the committee will not have access to the video after the event. Therefore, the committee is working to host five other events to supplement the videos for the committee’s webpage for students to use towards their PD certificate if they are unable to attend the BioKansas events.  
  - Upcoming events include:  
    - Navigating the career decision making process on September 17th from 2:30 to 4 pm. The Qualtrics registration and Zoom links are on the PD webpage.  
    - Exploring Non-Academic Job Opportunities Panel Session 1 on September 21st and Session 2 on September 24th.  
• Awards & Recognition  
  - No report.  
• Fundraising  
  - The fundraising committee has multiple events coming up. These include:  
    - Panda Express in the Union on the 17th between 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. before ordering, show the cashier the designated flyer from the GSC email and for online orders use the promo code: 311836. The GSC will receive 20% of meal purchases.  
    - Career Center Connections with USDA and NBAF on the 17th with a Zoom session 4 – 5 p.m. the GSC will receive $200 from this event. We must have a minimum of 10 participants. RSVP on Handshake and sign up with the fundraising committee.  
    - Chipotle on the 24th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. before ordering, show the cashier the designated flyer from the GSC email and for online orders use the promo code: |
|        |                                           | Nirupama Kotian & Linah Alkotami  
• Ryan Urban & Jacob Miller  
• Emily Parker & Zilfa Irakoze  
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EFWJAGF. The GSC will receive 33% of meal purchases.
- Contact the Emily (parkeremily19@ksu.edu) or Zilfa (zirakoze2@ksu.edu) with questions.

- **Student Affairs**
  - The Student Affairs committee hosted the GSC Ice Cream Social Distancing where new graduate students stopped by to enjoy a cup of Call Hall Ice Cream while meeting with other graduate Students. The event took place on August 21st from 11:30 am to 2 pm. The event was a success.
  - The committee will be hosting another event on September 17th at 7 pm called Grad School: What I Wish Someone Would’ve Told Me. This event is a virtual event with a group of current graduate students from different disciplines offering advice and experiences from being in their programs.

- **Research Forums**
  - The Research Forums committee will be hosting the Research and the State event for poster presentations virtually on October 23rd. Abstract submissions opened on August 24th and will close on September 25th at 11:59 pm. Call for abstracts has been announced through the GSC weekly email and social media pages. All students are encouraged to submit abstracts and/or attend the event.

- **Public Relations**
  - The Public Relations committee has created numerous graphics and advertised events on social media through the summer and beginning of the semester.
  - More graphics are being created for upcoming GSC events and scheduling social media posts for advertisements.

- **Health Insurance**
  - No report.

- **Government Relations**
  - No report.

- **Recreational Services**
  - No report.

- Chelsea Arnold & Cristiane Brazil
- Grant Gardner & Adelaide Klutse
- Sara Savatovic & Barikisu Issaka
- Nathan Astle
- Claudia Hissong
- Simone Fassina
### Diversity Advocate

- The President’s Commission on Multicultural Affairs will be held on September 15th at 1 pm. The commission will address issues facing the multicultural student population of K-State in regards to social injustice in light of current issues. This is the second meeting of the semester.
- Multicultural student organizations have been hosting events designed to open the dialogue about the importance of diversity and inclusion. These events open opportunities for graduate students to be involved with diversity efforts currently ongoing. A few upcoming events are:
  - Diversity Dialogue: DACA, All Facts No Cap on September 29 from 6 – 7 pm.
  - Inclusion Summit 2020 on October 21 from 9 – 11:30 am on Zoom: 969 8338 7495, Passcode: 1001

### LGBTQ+ Advocate

- A Welcome Back BBQ was held over Zoom by the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. The resource center staff was introduced as well as the LGBTQ+ organizations on campus. These organizations are open to graduate students and will meet over Zoom this semester.
- Connections have been made with new and prospective graduate students to discuss LGBTQ+ resources and life at K-State. These connections will continue with students as they arise alongside connections with Dr. Miller in the Graduate School and Dr. Haddock with the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.
- LGBTQ+ organizations have set their meeting times for this semester, Zoom link information can be accessed by emailing the organization contacts or emailing Roxie (rskennedy@ksu.edu). Meeting times are as follows:
  - Gender Collective – every Mondays at 8 pm
  - SAGA – every Thursdays at 6 pm
  - oSTEM – every other Tuesday at 6 pm

### Raymond Thomas

### Roxie Kennedy
- Students can be added to the LGBTQ+ listserv by emailing `lgbt@ksu.edu`. Weekly emails are sent with event notices.
  - Housing Representative
    - A Graduate Student Housing Handbook is being developed with information about different neighborhoods, apartment complexes, management companies, etc. There are plans to send a survey to graduate students regarding their experiences with finding housing, thoughts about current housing (# of bedrooms, experiences with landlords/management companies, repair requests, neighborhoods, etc) and advice for finding housing in the area.
    - The survey and handbook project is open for collaboration. Contact Julia Hagen ([juliahagen@ksu.edu](mailto:juliahagen@ksu.edu)) with interest or questions.
- Parent/Guardian Advocate
  - No report.
- **Open representative positions:**
  - Union Governing Board
  - Library
  - Veteran Affairs

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Appendix A

GSC General Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 4th, 12:00 – 1:00 PM,
Zoom: https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/vpQkdeuqpzIvropN7cnhccKH6Bfm_5Ym9w

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. Kelly Shunje seconded the approval of the agenda.
      III. Motion passed.

2. Approval of GSC General Minutes from April 6th, 2020 – Hannah E Shear
   1. Motion to approve the minutes from April 6th, 2020 (Appendix B).
      I. Michaela Eden moved to approve the minutes.
      II. Alayna Colburn seconded the approval of the minutes.
      III. Motion passed.

3. Guest Speaker – President Richard B. Myers
   1. President Myers began by addressing question submitted before our general meeting.
      I. President Myers is awaiting a response from Dr. Lane regarding contracts in the Jardine Apartments.
      II. The university made an FCC request to internet providers to provide free internet for a reduced period and not charge fees, etc. There was good buy-in from these providers to allow this for our students. In the 2025 refresh, one of the four strategic areas is to be a cyber land grant university. Many communications are open with the state to continuing pushing this in legislation.
      III. Process for fall courses are currently being lined out at this time. The goal is to remain as flexible and as agile as possible moving into the fall semester. The goal is to be in face-to-face classes, but many scenarios are being developed at this time. A confirmed response regarding fall courses will not be decided soon. However, the plan to reawaken the campus will be released soon. The reawakening plan addresses timelines for everyone accessing and entering campus. The spring 2021 semester would be dependent on the reawakening plan and health guidelines and on how the fall semester unwinds.
      IV. Enrollment data before COVID-19 looked promising. Enrollment now due to the pandemic very uncertain. It is reasonable to assume the pandemic will affect enrollment and the budget is being adjusted accordingly to prepare. State funding is very important for the university and is very uncertain at this time due to the economic impacts of the pandemic. Budget cuts are to be foreseen and those could be in higher education, but it is very unsure at this time. Some positive things that have been done at K-State are fees and tuition have been reduced to help with enrollment for the summer and there is a push for no tuition increase for the fall semester. Other regent universities are looking at one to two percent increases which is justifiable, but we
recognize the economic impact this has had on our students as well and we are pushing to keep things the same for that reason.

V. K-State infrastructure has been good and where it has not been, we have worked hard to fill those gaps. The biggest issue is broadband access which has been an ongoing issue for a while. K-State has proved to be flexible with the switch to online teaching and learning.

VI. Students that had on campus jobs were not cut off for this semester. Our revenue producing areas have halted which have led to the emergency furloughs that were announced. This financial crisis will endure for years across the country, new ways of cutting costs will need to be considered but no decisions have been made.

VII. There was a fund started under K-State Strong to help students, faculty and staff. The fundraising around it have not been emphasized but President Myers believes it is time to do so to build the fund up and help the individuals under financial stress and be able to apply for funds. This is a goal for President Myers, not a goal for the university yet.

VIII. Student leaders can help communicate the university’s current situation. Help others be aware of what is going on and any ideas are welcome for consideration at this time.

IX. The decisions being made now are excruciating. The impact all of our students and employees have on the K-State brand is very important.

X. This pandemic will make K-State stronger in the end.

4. Officer Reports
   1. President – Hannah E Shear
      I. The officer team is working well together with new initiative and communication paths. The leadership summit was completed April 25th to plan for the 2020-2021 academic year.
   2. President Elect – Pingping Chen
      I. The leadership summit was very beneficial for our committees as they began planning for the upcoming year.
   3. Secretary – Bailey Hinkle
      I. Reminder to check the GSC weekly email.
   4. Treasurer – Devin Brand
      I. Travel Awards
         i. April: 52 applicants, 31 awarded for domestic travel and 4 awarded for international travel
         ii. Total: $14,723.40
         iii. Average: $420.67
   5. GSC-SGA Liaison – Billy Croslow
      I. SGA met for the final session of the semester not including a special session regarding budgeting.
      II. Marcus, caucus leader, is serving on the privilege fee committee and expressing the voice for our graduate students.
      III. An impact statement will be submitted regarding privilege fees to the SGA Treasurer.

5. Advisor Reports
   1. Graduate School, Dean Shanklin
I. Any graduate or K-State student experiencing expenses related to COVID-19 can apply for funds through K-State available through the CARES Act emergency grant.
II. The mobile food distribution was rescheduled for Friday at 4 pm, masks are encouraged.
III. Graduate students can access all online training through Human Capital Services training: https://www.k-state.edu/hcs/learning-development/courses/
IV. Recipients of Alumni Association Awards:
   i. Narmadha Meenu Mohankumar and Ayyappan Elangovan received International Leadership Awards.
   ii. Emily Pascoe Oertling received an award for outstanding leadership and service.
   iii. Hojjatollah Fallahi received an award for outstanding academics.
V. University Distinguished Graduate Student Awards
   i. Hayley Fisher, Simranjot Bawa and Matthew Galliart
VI. Alvin and RosaLee Sarachek a $17,000 total scholarship
   i. Konner Winkley, Anil Pant and Paula Silva

6. Reports from Committees & Representatives
   1. Professional Development – Priscila Guzman and James Lin
      I. No report.
   2. Awards & Recognitions – Ryan Urban
      I. The Awards and Recognition Committee is compiling an Awards Program in place of the reception.
   3. Fundraising – Narmadha Mohankumar and Emily Parker
      I. No report.
   4. Student Affairs – Nirupama Kotian and Naomi Manu
      I. No report.
   5. Research Forums – Nicholas Neumann and Tej Man Tamang
      I. No report.
   6. Public Relations – Holly Speck and Jessie Piper
      I. No report.
   7. Housing Representative – Keisha Kennedy Clark
      I. No report.
   8. Health Insurance – Nathan Astle
I. No report.

9. Union Governing Board (UGB) – Anthony Diproperzio
   I. No report.

10. Government Relations – Claudia Hissong
    I. No report.

11. Recreational Services – Alayna Colburn
    I. No report.

12. Diversity Advocate – Mari Edwards
    I. No report

13. LGBTQA+ Advocate – Destiny Bell
    I. No report

14. Veterans Affairs – Billy Croslow
    I. No report.

15. Open Representative Positions:
    I. Library

7. Reminders & Deadlines – Pingping Chen
   1. Graduate School Brown Bag Zoom – Wednesdays 12 – 1 PM
   2. GSC Zoom Coffee Hour – Fridays 1 – 2 PM
   3. Travel Award Deadline for August travel is June 1st

8. Other Business – Hannah E Shear

9. Adjournment – Hannah E Shear
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