1. Approval of Agenda
   • Approved without changes

2. Approval of March 5, 2011 General Meeting Minutes
   • Approved without changes

3. Guest Speaker: President Schulz
   • How do we convey the importance of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) meeting and getting graduate students involved? President Schulz suggested that free food could be offered to encourage participation. He also offered for his office to help cover costs if this was something the GSC wanted to do. He also suggested asking leadership of the council to attend and work through the Associate Deans from each college to push their own students to go.
   • The question was posed about the President’s support for GSC’s separation from SGA and how to do so? President Schulz suggested sitting together and thinking about what the rights steps would be. Also, he posed the question, do we feel adequately represented on campus as is? He then stated that based on the answer to this question, should the GSC move forward on the plans for separation. He also mentioned that we would have to address the issues of student fees and graduate student representation.
   • Would it be beneficial for K-State to have a Graduate Student Life Center? President Schulz responded yes. He stated that what the Center should look like and its functions would need to be identified. He suggested looking at peer institutions then try to find some space near campus to utilize for the time being to begin developing the student life center. Then, we could begin to look down the road at building a formal space.
   • Where are sexual minorities in HLC and 2025? President Schulz responded that there has not been a campus dialogue about what diversity means for this institution, and acknowledged that issues of diversity extend beyond ethnicity. His hope is that what will come out of the HLC report is the opportunity to define what diversity means for this campus and move forward from there.
   • How should graduate students get involved in 2025? President Schulz stated that graduate students need to be very engaged in what they want their experience to be. He knows well that stipends are inadequate and need improvement; however, he is researching other short term goals that could be done in the meantime. Also, he feels it is important to get people to realize that K-State has a large graduate student population that has unique needs different from the undergraduates.
   • What is being done to reduce high online fees, specifically for the master’s in public health program? President Schulz stated that the problem began with how the online program was started and planned to be maintained. They are looking at how to support and fund these classes appropriately and are looking how to better fund this program for both facility and students.
   • What about healthcare for married graduate students and graduate students with families? President Schulz responded that nothing is occurring at present but that he will talk with HR about what could be done to help students who are married and/or have children to get them insured for a reasonable price.
   • The question was raised about why tuition waivers for employees don’t apply to DCE courses? President Schulz responded that he doesn’t see anything changing in
terms of how many credit hours can be taken but is working to change them having to pay DCE fees.

- The question was asked about any updates on 2025 and what is currently going on? President Schulz stated that the Master Plan update was the current major undertaking. They are looking at what structures will be needed over the next decade and how to maintain a pedestrian friendly campus. Graduate students can participate via future electronic surveys and by attending open forums.

- Where does K-State stand in terms of recruitment of graduate students? President Schulz said he felt like K-State was towards the bottom in the Big 12. He feels we need to have existing graduate students mentor potential graduate students locally and across the conference about the K-State climate.

- Matt reminded everyone that on April 9th at 6pm there will be an online chat with President Schulz and Dean Shanklin. He encouraged group representatives to share that information.

4. Executive Officer Candidate Introductions
   a. President Elect—Taylor Wadian—PhD student in Psychology
   b. Treasurer—Kavitha Penugonda—PhD student in Human Nutrition and Elizabeth Canales—PhD student in Ag Econ
   c. Secretary—Jennifer Miller—PhD student in Sociology

5. GSC Election procedures and voting dates
   - Election voting will take place from April 3rd through April 6th. Please encourage your peers to vote.

6. Reports:
   - Officer Reports
     o President- Matthew Sellner
       • The meeting with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is very important and members of the council need to be present. Please sign up if you can make it to the meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2012 from 9-10am.
     o President-elect Tammy Sonnentag
       • Tammy is on the tuition strategies committee. She announced that there would be a 5.5% hike in tuition. She also announced that the committee would be voting in favor of all the allocations brought before them.
       • The Baseball tailgate is at 11:30 on April 14th. There will be free food for the first 100 students and 72 t-shirts will be given out.
       • Please let Matt or Tammy know if you or someone you know wants to get involved as a GSC committee member There will be opportunities for several graduate students to serve on GSC committees beginning fall semester.
     o Secretary- Jennifer Miller
       • Please make sure to sign in on the sign-up sheet that is being passed around.
     o Treasurer- Graciela Andrango
       • The Treasurer gave the following report:
         - SGA FY12 Travel Grant Funds
           Spent $ 12,360.62
           Allocated $ 19,000
           Available $ 6,639.38
         - SGA FY12 Operating Funds
           Spent $ 341.05
Allocated $2,000
Available $1,658.95
• KSU Funds
  Foundation Funds $2,407.86
  State GSC Funds $2,487.60

  • Advisors-Dr. Carol Shanklin and Dr. Duane Crawford
    • Dr. Crawford reminded the general council of the importance of the
      meeting with the HLC and encouraged all who could make it to attend.

• Graduate Student Senator Reports
  • Adam Rogoschke
  • Austin Wilhoit
    • The current term for senators ends this Thursday, April 5th. The graduate
      school will only have 7 senators next year. Arts & Sciences received
      our 8th seat because of growth within their college.
    • If you are someone who was elected to Senate, or know someone who
      was elected to Senate and does not want to serve, please notify the
      executive committee ASAP so alternates can be assigned.
    • The GSC constitution and by-law changes will be up for 2nd reading this
      week. Austin believes they will pass without any issue.

  • Craig Johnson
  • Darrel Rezac
  • Kathryn Lopez
  • Ken Guan
  • Winston Wolf
  • Indu Seetharaman

• Committee Reports
  • Allocations – Graciela Andrango
    • Deadline for fall travel period is April 15th. The allocations committee is
      still working on changing the application form online.
  • Research Forums – Megan Miller
    • K-State Research Forum was well attended and participation was high.
    • Plaques have been delivered to departments.
    • Sigma Xi will also be providing a plaque to department winner for
      interdisciplinary research.
  • Student Affairs – Gayla Adams-Wright
    • No report
  • Professional Development Seminar – Sherrill Cropper
    • Good attendance at last seminar.
    • April 19th 2-4pm Jody Kraus from Powercat Financial Services will
      discuss repaying student loans, employment benefits and other
      financial concerns of individuals graduating from graduate school.
  • Health Insurance – Grazelda Mc Donald
    • Not present, no report
  • GSC Reorganization- Austin Wilhoit
    • The reorganization committee met to discuss items to be included in a
      survey to be distributed to all graduate students. The survey will ask
      for feedback on what they feel GSC should do for them and to see how
      much the current graduate student body knows about GSC.
  • Fundraising – Shaneice McNabney
    • No report
- Awards and Recognition – Elizabeth Frink
  - The Graduate Student Excellence in Teaching Award nominations need to be to college deans by April 6th. The college deans need to have the selected nominee in by April 20th. The award winners will be selected by May 4th.

- Representative Reports
  - Union Governing Board – Kyle Probst
    - No report
  - International Student Affairs Committee – Dajung Woo and Manpreet Rai
    - April 7-15 is international week.
    - Specific events will be emailed to the student body, and there is a listing of the events on their website.
    - International panel discussion will be from 5:30pm-7:30pm on April 11 in forum hall.
  - Library Committee- Jessica Reyes
    - Not present, no report
  - Campus Master Plan Committee- Pinakin Sukthankar
    - Not present, no report
  - 8020 Committee- Courtney George
    - No report
  - State Affairs- Laura Teague
    - Not Present, no report
  - Women of K-State-Tammy Sonnentag
    - Wednesday April 11th Brown Bag Lunch - Managing Your Money
      Flinthills Room, K-State Student Union. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
      (Program begins at 12:05 p.m.)

7. Announcements- Next General Meeting
   - Monday, May 7, 2012 Noon-1 pm Leadership Studies Room 127

8. Calendar of Events
   - GSC New Officer Elections
     - Electronic Ballot to be distributed via GSC Listserv. Voting opens at 12:01 a.m. April 3rd. Voting closes 5 p.m. April 6.
   - GSC Baseball Tailgate
     - April 14th 11:30, North side of KSU Baseball Field
   - Professional Development and online chats
     - April 9 Graduate Student Online Chat with President Schulz and Dean Shanklin 6:00 pm
     - April 19 Powercat Financial Workshop—discussion of repaying loans, preparing finances for post-college life and financial tips. Room 207 K State Student Union 2-4 p.m.
   - Graduation Deadlines
     - April 3 Deadline to submit “Approval to Schedule Final Examination” to the Graduate School to have your name appear in the May commencement program

Adjournment