Graduate Student Council
Minutes
Monday, February 7 @ 12:00pm
137 Waters

1. Approval of agenda
   o Approved without changes.

2. Approval of minutes from November 1, 2010
   o Approved without changes.

3. Presentation of Research and the State awards, recognition of CGRS presenters

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   o The top ten presenters from Research and the State received $100 gift cards in recognition of their research and an invitation to attend the Capital Grant Research Summit at the Kansas Statehouse in Topeka on February 17th.

4. Student Body President and Vice President candidate presentation
   o Nathan Spurg of the Nate and Kate candidate ticket talked about common issues and inquired as to opinions of graduate students regarding these issues.
      ▪ Travel Vouchers
         i. Megan explained that the GSC has received a large increase in requests for travel support from graduate students and that the majority of the GSC budget is allocated to this initiative.
      ▪ Graduate support from Career and Employment Services
         i. Much of the Council expressed interest in having services from CES available to graduate students.
         ii. An idea was proposed to hold a separate career fair for graduate students as opposed to having it as part of the undergraduate career fair.
      ▪ Discussion of Nate and Kate’s focus issues
i. Renovation of classrooms is a high priority of the 2025 program and currently there is no graduate or undergraduate representation on the committee.
   1. Nate and Kate also would like to implement an online survey system to identify the highest priority classrooms.

ii. Indoor alert installation: We currently have an alert system outside, but most accidents requiring campus police or RCPD assistance happen inside academic buildings.

iii. Nate and Kate have an idea for implementing a system similar to the iCat athletic tickets to be used for other forms of university entertainment (e.g., entertainment sponsored by the Union Program Council), allowing students to purchase VIP seating.

5. Officer Reports
   o President: Megan Miller
     • One of the major goals of this year was to gain recognition and positions to be involved within the campus. This has seen great success in recent weeks.
       1. Megan and Graciella attended the Martin Luther King Jr. luncheon and the debut of the new Principles of Community.
       2. Seven themes have been identified as an outcome the K-State 2025 focus groups over the summer. Graduate students have been contacted in order to sit on these committees.
       3. Courtney George has begun attending weekly Legislature Update meetings. They discuss the governmental interaction between K-State and the State Government.
          a. She will also be sitting on the awards selection committee for the Award of Excellence for Unclassified Professionals.
     • If anyone is interested in running for an officer position within the GSC for the 2011-2012 year, please fill out the application on the GSC website: http://www.k-state.edu/grad/gspeopleorg/gsc/
       1. We also have two senate seats open for the remainder of the current term. Please send an email to egsc@ksu.edu if you are interested in filling one of these seats. If you are interested in running for one of the eight graduate student senate seats for next year, you will need to submit the filing form to OSAS by February 18th by 4:00pm.
       2. A representative from SGA discussed running for senator and other leadership positions.
President-elect: Matthew Sellner
- Preparation work on the K-State Research Forum will continue after the Capital Graduate Research Summit next week.
- The Long-term Tuition Strategies Committee met and discussed the general use budget which currently faces a $13.1 million deficit.

Treasurer: Graciela Andrango
- SGA FY10 Travel Grant Funds
  - Spent $8,949.96
  - Allocated $18,000.00
  - Available $9,050.04
- SGA FY 10 Operating Funds
  - Spent $514.63
  - Allocated $2,000.00
  - Available $1,485.37
- KSU Foundation Funds $ 10,111.50
- Applications for the spring travel grant period closed on February 1, with a record 195 applications received.
- The financial report was approved without changes.

Secretary: Jedidiah Riley
- Several organizations have re-registered since the last meeting.
- The University Committee on Governmental Relations has asked if any graduate student wishes to help with the Cats in the Capital event on February 16th.
  1. The purpose of the event is to interact with Kansas Legislators and the Regents by handing them ice cream and cookies.
  2. Those involved will leave Manhattan at noon, be provided box lunches, and will return by 5pm.
  3. If you are interested please email Jedidiah Riley by February 11th.
- The Student Affairs Committee of the Graduate Council has recommended updating guidelines in the Graduate Handbook regarding the inclusion of GAs in the health insurance policy for graduate students on at least a 0.5 FTE assistantship.

6. Advisor report
   - Dr. Shanklin
     - Sarachek and KSURF Doctoral Fellowship opportunities
       1. Look for the call soon via email. The Sarachek Fellowship is for doctoral candidates conducting biomolecular research. Applications are due March 1st.
       2. KSURF Doctoral Fellowship is open to PhD candidates with at least one year of graduate study remaining. This
opportunity will be announced on March 1st, and the awards will be announced in May.

1. Graduate students conducting research projects with the potential of intellectual property and transfer are encouraged to apply.

   ▪ This semester, the GSC and the Graduate School will host a professional development seminar on intellectual property.
   ▪ Search for Graduate School Associate Dean
     i. President Schulz has approved the search for an Associate Dean of the Graduate school.
     ii. A search committee is forming, and Matt Sellner will be serving as the graduate student representative.
   ▪ If you are graduating this semester, please be aware of the graduation deadlines open forum that will cover important graduation and commencement participation deadlines and requirements.
     i. The forum will be held on February 23 at 3pm in the Union Staterooms 2 and 3 (see the announcements section of the agenda).

7. Graduate Student Senator reports
   o No senators were in attendance and there was no report to provide. There are currently two open senate seats to fill for the remainder of the current term. Anyone who is interested in filling these positions should email egsc@ksu.edu. Graduate students interested in running for a senate seat for the upcoming term will need to complete the filing form and submit it to OSAS by 4:00pm on February 18. The filing form can be accessed from the SGA website.

8. Committee Reports
   o Allocations – Graciela Andrango
     • Please see the Treasurer’s Officer Report for the financial report.
     • An email will be distributed soon to recruit Allocations Committee members to assist with revising the Travel Grant Program and to assist with processing travel grant applications.
   o Capitol Graduate Research Summit – Megan Miller
     • The CGRS is scheduled for next Thursday, February 17. If you wish to attend, please contact Megan.
   o K-State Research Forum – Matthew Sellner
     • Planning of the KRF will continue after the CGRS event.
   o Student Affairs – Gayla Adams-Wright (not in attendance, report provided by Megan Miller)
     • The committee organized an ice skating social just before the start of the semester with an estimated attendance of 75.
   o Professional Development Seminar – open
This committee is responsible for planning professional development seminars for graduate students. If you are interested in heading up this committee, please send an email to egsc@ksu.edu.

- Health Insurance – Courtney George (not in attendance, report provided by Dr. Shanklin)
  - The State Insurance Committee was supposed to meet last Tuesday but was cancelled until March due to the snowstorm.
    1. One issue they will be looking at will be extending the COBRA coverage for graduate students after they graduate.
  - There will likely be a sizable increase in premiums due to the rising costs, and keeping in line with the new Health Care laws.

- Fundraising – William Zorrilla (not in attendance)
  - No Report.

- International Student Affairs – Mauricio Montero Astua and Manpreet Rai
  - International week will be held on April 11-April 16th.
    1. A discussion panel will be held on April 13 from noon-1:00pm in the Union. A potential topic will be the differences between teaching and learning in the US and other nations.
    2. On April 11, an international parade and game day will be held. Participation will be open to all university organizations.

- Awards and Recognition – Liz Frink
  - The first issue of the Notable Graduate Student Scholarly Achievements newsletter was distributed on December 8th, 2010. Hardcopies were distributed to the President’s Cabinet and electronic copies were distributed to others on campus.
  - Two issues of the newsletter will be distributed this semester: one at midterm, and one at the end of the semester.

9. GSC University Representatives

- Union Governing Board – Kyle Probst
  - A Denny’s will soon be replacing BYOB in the Union food court. Plans for Denney’s include late hours of operation.
  - The UGB is still discussing what should be done with the old Computer Store space.

10. Announcements:

February

- Capitol Graduate Research Summit – February 17, 2011, Docking State Office Building, Topeka; presentations from 10:00am-1:30pm
- Graduation Deadlines Open Forum – February, 23, 2011, K-State Student Union Staterooms 2 and 3, 3:00-4:00pm
March

- **ETDR Overview Workshop** – February 23, 2011, K-State Student Union Staterooms 2 and 3, 4:00-5:00pm
- **Graduation Deadlines Open Forum** – March 17, 2011, K-State Student Union Room 206, 3:00-4:00pm
- **ETDR Overview Workshop** – February 23, 2011, K-State Student Union Room 206, 4:00-5:00pm

April

- **K-State Research Forum** – April 20, 2011, second floor K-State Student Union, 8:00-5:00pm
- **GSC Ice Cream Social** – April 27, 2011, east side of Fairchild Hall, 1:00-3:00pm

Adjournment