MEMBERS PRESENT:
Tammy Sonnentag, Taylor Wadian, Dr. Duane Crawford, Kavitha Penugonda, Craig Johnson, Megan Miller, Joe Standard, Cristina Bonnelly, Michael Banfield, Megan Brown, Carrie Summers, Lauren Reiter, Rebecca Manes, Laura Teague, Janavi Kumar.

Call to Order
T. Sonnentag, President, welcomed the council members and called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm. There was a quorum of the GSC Leadership Committee members present.

1.0 Review & Approval of Agenda
T. Sonnentag asked the Committee if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda as presented.
  Motion #1: Move to approve the meeting agenda as is.
  Motion #2: Second
  Approved Motion carried

2.0 Review & Approval of GSC Minutes from May 7th, 2012
T. Sonnentag asked the Committee if there were any additions or corrections to the previous meeting’s minutes as presented.
  Motion #1: Move to approve the meeting minutes from May 7th, 2012 as is.
  Motion #2: Second
  Approved Motion carried

3.0 Guest Speakers
• Director of McCain, Todd Holmberg – not present
• Director of K-State Student Union, William (Bill) Smriga - Inquired about how the K-State Student Union can better serve the campus (specifically graduate students).
  o Bill mentioned the many different services/facilities provided by the Union (e.g., bookstore, computer labs, convenience store, art gallery, computer store, dining, home of many student organization, office of student activities).
  o Meeting student needs is top priority – urged graduate students to advantage of services and facilities provide in the Union.
  o Asked students to email the GSC with questions/comments/concerns about the Union.
• Beth Bailey, Director of Union Program Council accompanied Bill and described activities hosted by UPC.
  o Beth can be located on the 3rd floor (“penthouse”) of the Union. The UPC hosts 180-190 free (or relatively inexpensive) events each year.
  ▪ The UPC consists of 9 different committees – one of which focuses on various “showings” of films (some of which are free with student id).
    ▪ These showing typically cost $1.00 dollar on Friday, $2.00 on Saturdays and Sundays
    ▪ The UPC always hosts an event on Friday nights for “fun and alcohol free” activities (after hours committee).
    ▪ Multicultural events planned by “multicultural UPC committee” that focuses on uniting people and celebrating cultures (e.g., trying new foods, learning about various traditions, etc.)
    ▪ Other events hosted by UPC include K-state Idol, dancing with the K-State Stars, and K-State Project Runway
    ▪ Kicking off tomorrow UPC awareness week. Events include hot air balloon rides, various performances.
    ▪ First meeting held tonight (Monday, September 10, 2012; meetings are open attendance and always have free food).
    ▪ Events to keep watch for in the month of September include Comedian Seth Meyers (student tickets range in price from $10.00-$25.00)
  ▪ Beth inquired about what graduate students want to see from the UPC.
  ▪ Last year UPC co-sponsored PhD the movie with the GSC. 121 students attended the movie showing
    ▪ Students recommended events on resume workshops, Entrepreneurial business planning, investment planning, horse riding, poker tournaments.
    ▪ Family friendly events requested. UPC does family friendly events (e.g., egg hunts, magicians, fairs).
  ▪ Email the GSC with additional ideas or email UPC@KSU.edu with event ideas.
4.0 Guest Speakers: GSC Secretary Applicants

- Ammar B Bhandari
  o Ammar is from Nepal. He is a PhD student in Agronomy. He is interested in the position because he was an executive committee member in an organization from his undergraduate university. He enjoys working with other students.

- Cara Dennis
  o Came to K-State from the University of New Haven where she earned degrees in forensic science and chemistry. She is interested in the Secretary position because she wants to get to know people, and wants to feel pride in being a K-State student. She described her qualities that may contribute to the position (i.e., organization, passion). At UNH she held a similar position – she was President of admissions team, where she gave tours to new students. Feels she knows how to conduct meetings, get people involved, great at taking notes, and good with e-mail communication.

- Amanda Fairbanks
  o Amanda is a Communications Master student at K-State. She is a new student here working on her PhD. She came to K-State from Fort Hayes University. She was very involved with organizations at Fort Hayes as well as teaching classes there for a number of years.

- Anna Newman
  o Decided not to run for Secretary position.

The electronic Ballot for the GSC Secretary position will be emailed to graduate students today in the weekly GSC email. Candidate statements are posted on the GSC website.

5.0 Officer Reports

- T. Sonnentag reported that football tailgate was success (95% show up). Offered special thanks to Presidents Office for sponsoring the event.

- Tammy thanked those who volunteering their time at the All University Career Fair. The GSC should earn about $100.00 from the volunteer hours.

- If Council members have information that their department wants included on the GSC weekly emails, send Tammy an email with the information by Sundays at noon. The weekly e-mails are extensive, so this is nice that we have only one e-mail going to all the students.

- Tammy noted an open position with the GSC. A position is available on the Student Governing Association Recreation Complex Council. This Council deals with Rec related services/changes. Council would meet monthly in the mornings (7:30).

- T. Wadian - no report

- K. Penugonda

GSC FY 13 General Funds/Presidential Allocation

- FY12 Carry-Over Funds $1,178.40
- Allocated: $100,000 (from residential, provost funds)
- Beginning Balance: $101,178.40 from last year
- Expenditures: $427.10
- Balance: $100,751.30

SGA General Funds
- Allocated: $21,000
- Expenditures: $11,268.21– for travel period 1
- Balance: $9,731.79* - waiting for reimbursement requests
- *All funds have been awarded but reimbursement requests have not been submitted for $9,731.79.

GSC Foundation Funds:
- Beginning Balance $2,407.86
- Expenditures: $0.00
- Balance: $2,407.86

- Dr. Shanklin – not present,
  o Tammy Sonnentag noted that students should be aware of the Call for a new award (MAGS Distinguished Thesis). Ask your Department Head or Graduate Program Directors for details.

- Dr. Crawford
Career and Employment Services has one employee focused solely on serving graduate students – go see her! Her name is Angela Hayes and she will be speaking at the GSC meeting next month.

6.0 Graduate Student Senator Reports
University “Environmental Action Individuals” spoke to the SGA about recycling efforts on campus. All students are encouraged to get the “word out” about opportunities for recycling (especially, game day recycling). Trash on campus costs the university $50.00 a ton.

7.0 Committee Reports
• Allocations – K. Penugonda – received 161 applications for Travel period 2. The committee is currently processing the applications. Will notify applicants by September 15th.
  ○ Deadline for travel period 3 is Dec. 1st.
• Research Forums – J. Standard, Research and the State is scheduled for November, 6th. Abstract submission deadline has been moved from September 28th to October 5th. Announcements should be emailed today or tomorrow once information is posted on the GSC website by the Graduate School Staff.
• Student Affairs – M. Brown – Asked for ice cream social volunteers for October 3rd event.
• International Student Affairs – M. Rai & D Woo – neither present – M Rai sent report to Tammy. International Student Affairs committee met with Quincy Bevely of Jardine to discuss how Jardine can better serve International graduate students.
  ○ Further, domestic students are encourage to attend international coordinating council activities (i.e., festivals, coffee hours).
• Professional Development Seminar – D. Lesperance – Not present – Unfortunately Dawn has decided to stepped down as chair. Accepting applications for the chair position.
• Fundraising – J. Hardy – not present. Joel will be meeting with Tammy, Taylor, and Dr. Shanklin soon to discuss directions/initiatives for this committee.
• Awards and Recognition – C. Bonnelly or C. Summers – Last newsletter produced was for Spring of 2012. Committee will assemble a newsletter covering both Spring 2012 and Fall 2012.

8.0 University-Wide Representative Reports
• Health Insurance – M. Banfield - no report
• Union Governing Board – K. Lopez, not present.
• Library Committee – L. Reiter – no report
• Campus Master Plan Committee – P. Sukthankar – not present, no report
• 8020 Committee – R. Manes – not present, no report.
• State Affairs – L. Teague – no report. Committee does not meet until Spring semester.
9.0 Upcoming Events
T. Sonnentag announced the following events.

- American Society for Tropical Medicine Association– Town Hall Room in Leadership Studies Building from 12:00-1:30p.m. Anyone interested in animal or human health encouraged to attend.
- Professional development events planned for GTAs by the Center for Advancement of Teaching and Learning (Interim Director - Janna Fallin). Look for this information in the weekly GSC emails or ask your Department Head and Graduate Program Directors.
- Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence (FETE) sponsored presentation on "The Art and Science of Teaching" by Bryce Lane (Sept. 20; 3:00-4:00 in the K-State Student Union Forum Hall).
- McCain Student Mixer (Sept. 21, 7:30pm-Intergalactic Nemesis McCain Performance, 9:00pm Mixer, K-State Union Bluemont Room). Discounted ticket prices, free mixer after
- ETDR Overview (Sept. 21, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building)
- Graduation Deadlines Open Forum (Sept. 21, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Town Hall, Leadership Studies Building)
- Research and the State/Capital Graduate Research Summit (CGRS) Abstract Submission Deadline Sept. 28, 11:59p.m. CST

10.0 Adjournment
T. Sonnentag thanked all Council members for their involvement with and contributions to the GSC and adjourned the meeting at 1:00 pm.