Graduate Student Council
Minutes
Monday, October 4 @ 12:00pm
K-State Student Union, Room 213

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes from September 13, 2010 (3)

   o Daryl Youngman
     o Library has been reviewing their processes and services within the last year and changes are being made to try and improve the already excellent service being offered.
     o Out of this review has come the creation of a new department within the library: Faculty and Graduate Services. Tara Baillargeon is the head of this department
   o Tara Baillargeon
     o The library has a long history of working with graduate students and wishes to continue to improve relations with them.
     o Many services are offered through this new department.
       ▪ Orienting students and new faculty to the library systems, databases, and services.
       ▪ Publication venue review and recommendations.
       ▪ Open access and copyright/trademark assistance.
     o Trying to develop a formal program of support and venue to allow connections between graduate students within the library.
     o Want to hear feedback from graduate students as to what they need or want.
     o The week of October 18th is Open Access week. Please stop by the library to view information and speakers for this event.
     o There will be a series of classes on October 27 and 28 specifically for graduate students. Topics and exact times will soon be announced, please check Hale Library’s calendar (http://www.lib.k-state.edu/help/calendar.html).
     o If you wish to contact Dr. Baillargeon to set up an appointment for help or to ask a question, please email her at: tjb@k-state.edu

4. Officer Reports
   o President: Megan Miller
     o A proposal was submitted in mid-September to the Academic Excellence Fund for $15,000 to support the GSC travel grant program. We should be notified soon as to the outcome of this proposal.
     o Attended the Student Body President Advisory Committee meeting recently. This is a group of student leaders which meets with the Student Body President with the purpose of discussing campus issues.
At the most recent meeting, attendees discussed current activities, events, and goals of their respective groups. Megan brought up trying to make graduate students more visible on campus.

- One such way would be with the On-Campus Clean up event this Saturday from 11-1.
  - If you want to meet up with members of the GSC Leadership committee, please meet on the East side of Fairchild Hall (where the Ice Cream social was held) and they will walk to Bosco Plaza together.

- GSC is under review for our Privilege Fee allocation which happens every three years.
  - GSC has been spending nearly all it receives and has experienced a huge increase in the demand of graduate students for travel grants within the last year.
  - Request to the Privilege Fee committee for 25% ($5000) increase. Justified by the increase in travel grant applications and the high utilization of funding GSC has sustained compared to other college councils.
  - Usually the committee doesn’t consider requests over 5% but for us that would make for an increase of only $1,000.
  - One of the concerns that were brought up was that the money being spent by GSC on graduate student travel grants does not directly benefit undergraduate students since the money is derived from the privilege fee all students pay.
    - Even though privilege fees allocated to the undergraduate College Councils is largely used for undergraduate travel, collectively, the privilege fee funds allocated to GSC and to the College Councils are no proportionate to their respective student body populations, with the GSC receiving a larger portion than it should if these allocations were proportionate to student body populations.
    - However, the undergraduate College Councils had nearly 30% of their funds unused at the end of the 2010 fiscal year. George Weston stated that at the last Student Senate meeting the College Councils Chair stated that requests for money for undergraduate travel were down.
      - Because the undergraduate College Councils are unable to use all of the privilege fee funds allocated to them, it appears that the GSC is receiving more funds than it deserves.
  - There definitely are benefits for undergraduate students when graduate students attend conferences, but they aren’t direct. Graduate students who teach or mentor undergraduates can then integrate knowledge gained from the conferences into their workings with undergraduate students.
    - Also K-State is displayed to other programs and can then gain both recognition and students.
5. Advisor report
   o Dr. Shanklin
     ▪ Two chats for the rest of the semester, please see the announcements at the end of the agenda for the details as to when, but topics to be discussed are:
       o Program of Study
       o Chat with President Schulz and Dean Shanklin
     ▪ Two faculty members have been awarded the Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty.
       o The Winners are: Dr. Sue Brown of Biology and Dr. Frank White of Plant Pathology.
     ▪ November 2 at 1:30pm in the Little Theatre there will be a public presentation with the 2009-2010 Commerce Bank Distinguished Graduate Faculty winner, Dr. Amit Chakrabarti.
       o Presentation Title: “Fat Fractals, Skinny Nuclei, and Patchy Proteins”

6. Graduate Student Senator Report –Courtney George
   o A couple Allocations Bills were passed.
   o Campus Clean-up on Saturday
   o Resolution was presented to try and get Thursday’s classes to promote a “Principle of Leniency” towards students due to the nationally televised home football game that evening. Graduate students stood against it, but it passed by a vote of 30-10.
   o Privilege fee bill will likely come before the full Student Senate on October 21
7. Committee Reports
   o Allocations – Graciela Andrango
   o Student Affairs – Gayla Adams-Wright
     ▪ Handed out a flyer advertising social hours for graduate students.
     ➢ If the events get too big there are overflow rooms available.
     ▪ GSC Golf Outing on October 10, 2010
      ➢ A flyer will be sent out once the final details are set.
   o Ice Cream Social Planning – Megan Strain
     ▪ Fall Ice Cream social on September 22 did not go over as well as in the past.
     ▪ Canned food drive was good and the food was donated to the Flint Hills Breadbasket
     ▪ It was suggested that we need to hold the event earlier in the fall.
   o Professional Development Seminar – Kara Ross
     ▪ Workshop next Wednesday for the Grant Workshop. Please RSVP to the event as there are limited spaces available.
   o Capitol Graduate Research Summit – Megan Miller
     ▪ Date for the CGRS will be Thursday, February 17, 2011.
       • The reason for the earlier date is to make sure state legislators get a chance to view graduate student research.
       • A poster session will be held to select the 10 persons to go to the CGRS. This will be held on February 2. Last year this poster session was planned as part of the KRF. Because the CGRS is being held earlier this year, only this poster session will be held on February 2, and the KRF will be held later in the semester.
       • There will be an abstract submission process for those who wish to participate in the participant selection poster event on February 2.
       • Because the CGRS selection event will be open to the public, graduate students presenting their research posters at this event may not also participate in the K-State Research Forum.
   o K-State Research Forum – Matthew Sellner
     ▪ No date set yet for KRF, but a date will be chosen soon.
   o Health Insurance – Courtney George
     ▪ If students tried to enroll in Vision and Dental plans between September 14 and September 30 and were denied please contact Courtney or the Graduate School. There was a mistake on the deadline on the paper forms which reflected an improper deadline.
     ▪ Business officers at the Board of Regents meet on October 13, and they will discuss granting GA’s access to the Insurance plan that GTA’s and GRA’s have.
     ▪ Any further questions should be emailed to Courtney George.
   o Reorganization – Megan Miller
   o Fundraising – William Zorrilla
- Open to ideas and have experience in both grant writing and non-profit fundraising.
  - Awards and Recognition – open

8. GSC University Representatives
   - Union Governing Board – Kyle Probst
     - No report.
   - Representative for the International Coordinating Council – open

9. Open discussion / Group Reports
   - No items were discussed and no group reports given.

10. Announcements:
    - **Online chat with Dean Shanklin and Angie Pfizenmaier: Graduate School’s Program of Study Session** – Tuesday, October 5, 8:00-9:00pm
    - **Open Forum for Graduation Deadlines**, 3:00-4:00pm, **ETDR Overview**, 4:00-5:00pm – October 6, Union Staterooms 1, 2, and 3
    - **Online chat with President Schulz and Dean Shanklin** – Tuesday, October 12, 6:00-7:00pm
    - **Professional Development Seminar: Grant Writing 101** – Wednesday, October 13, 1:30-4:30pm, Union Big XII Room

    - **Graduate Student Mixer** – Sunday, October 24, 6:00pm, Nichols Atrium, followed by performance of —Fiddler on the Roof in McCain Auditorium, 7:30pm
    - **Professional Development Seminar: Career Tips** – October 27, time and location TBA

Adjournment