Graduate Student Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 2, 2009 @ 12 noon  
State Rooms 2 and 3, Student Union

I. Call to Order  
-Meeting called to order at 12:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda  
-Motion to approve agenda, seconded, passed

III. Approval of Minutes from December 2008  
-Motion to approve Minutes from December 1, 2008, seconded, passed

IV. Officer Reports  
A. President – Shiva Garimella  
-Congrats Dr. Shanklin on appointment to Dean of Graduate School  
-Report on presidential search  
-Shiva asked candidates about graduate school and childcare  
-One candidate dropped out

B. President-Elect – Kara Dillard

C. Treasurer – Steve Bellinger (Reported for Kara Ross)  
• SGA FY08 Travel Grant Funds  
  o Spent $8424.66  
  o Allocated $3125  
  o Available $6450.34

• SGA FY08 Operating Funds  
  o Spent $724.45  
  o Allocated $0  
  o Available $1275.55

• KSU Foundation Funds $835.09

• Travel Grants for Spring 2009 Period  
  -Travel grants to 62 applicants  
  -About $100 a piece available  
  -Can still apply  
  -Survey showed that people were either happy with travel grants or did not know about travel grant availability  
  -Geography organization receives some funding from department as well, so that needs to be cleared up

D. Secretary – George. H. Weston  
• Group registrations and attendance  
  -About 30 organizations registered as of February 2, 2009
V. Advisor Report
Dr. Carol Shanklin, Dean, Graduate School
- Feb 25 & 26 – Open Forum for ETDRs – 4-5 p.m. – Union 206
- Feb 25 & 26 – Graduation Deadline & Requirements Forum – 3-4 p.m. – Location TBA
- Seminars for your organization or department can be arranged for ETDR training

VI. Graduate Student Senator Reports
• George. H. Weston
  - Publication Student Privilege Fee Update
  - Original Request of 7% increase
  - Committee recommended 4%
  - Amendment in Senate to fund without increase failed
  - Senate failed to meet 2/3 requirement to pass 4% increase
  - Will return to committee and brought back to senate

VII. Committee Reports
• Allocations – Steve Bellinger (reported for Kara Ross)
  - February 1 deadline for Spring 2009 Travel Grant Applications, but can still be placed on waitlist for funding
• Capitol Graduate Research Summit – Shiva Garimella
  - January 30 was deadline for submission of abstracts. Abstracts to be reviewed this Friday (2/6/09). Top 10 poster abstracts go to Topeka.
• GTA/GRA/GA Affairs – Vacant Chair Position
• Ice Cream Social Planning – Russ Webster
  - Next Ice Cream Social in April
• International Graduate Student Affairs – Ainul Abubakar
  - Proxy report
  - 2 committee members for IGSA Committee: Caleb Angolo and Fiona Yen
  - 2 potential more committee members in the future
  - Plans to meet with Sara Thurston-Gonzalez
• Professional Development Seminar – Megan Miller
  - First seminar last Thursday (1/29/09)
  - 50 in attendance
  - Professional Development account for K-State online available on request
  - February 26 – 4:30-5:30 – Big 12 Room – “Industry Interviewing”
• K-State Research Forum – Kara Dillard
  - Approximately 85 submissions
  - Number could increase after some format issues are corrected by submitters
  - This year all applicants will receive some kind of prize
  - Research Committee needs session moderators on March 6
    - Looking for graduate student judges for undergraduate sessions
-Notifications by February 13 for all students
  • Seminar List – Yegor Sorokin
  • Student Health Insurance – Michael Hinkin
    -Next month comprehensive survey from Lafene, which is a university-wide survey
  • Newsletter – Michael Hinkin
    -Please keep submitting items to Michael at mph3553@ksu.edu

VIII. GSC University Representatives Reports
  • Union Governing Board – George. H. Weston
    -First meeting of semester this past Wednesday
  • International Affairs Council – Jennifer Hanson and Sofia Titvinidze
    -Met in Salina in January
    -African Symposium
      March 30-April 1
    -Cherokee Nation Speaker – April 2-4
    -International week April 20-25

IX. New Business
  • Elections 2009: Nominations and election procedure
    -Have begun accepting nominations for President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer
    -Two year commitment for President-elect, as they become president the second year
    -Election protocol
      -Each organization will receive one vote per race
  • Mrs. Amy Renz, CEO K-State Alumni Association
    -Congratulates Dr. Shanklin
    -Alumni Center for everyone
      -Encourage students to utilize Center for group projects, meetings, etc.
    -532-6260 for reservations
    -Wildcat Forever program - $15
    -Membership program for new graduates at half price
      -Magazine produced 4 times a year
      -15% off at bookstore
    -Just started career services program
      -Angela Hays 532-6260
    -Career Beam
      -Any student can use it and be accessed by alumni website
        (www.kstate.com)
      -Resume building tool
    -Short term health insurance option from alumni association
    -Multicultural Graduate Celebration
    -Graduation Send-Off (Even though called Senior sendoff)
-Looking at options to have 2 different events or change name so everyone knows it is for all people graduating
-Direct line 532-5050
-Goal of developing a lifelong commitment to K-State
-Received MPA at K-State while still working full-time
-Computers available for use to students
-E-mail monthly newsletter service free
-Attempting to expand upon international programs

• President & Vice President Student Body Candidates:
-Andrew Huschka & Lauran White
-Stand & Deliver
-Monthly meetings with student leaders across campus
-Deliver athletic experience
-Make more exciting
-Powercat pre-game pushed for and will be taking place
-Academic Performance Rewards Programs
-In association with area businesses
-K-State has a long list of great alums
-Kansas State Students Deliver
-Annual competition
-Best ideas improving K-State
-Allow more students to get involved with student government
-Stand up
-Tuition
-Rec Complex Expansion
-Question: Childcare in limbo, thoughts on new childcare center
-Already being worked on
-For childcare center

• Appointment of Honor Council Member
-Sent out applications for three candidates to executive committee this morning, so being reviewed at this time. Chosen tomorrow

IX. Old Business
• Introduction of amendments to Graduate Student Council Handbook
-3.0 GPA and good academic standing is expected from committee chairs, as it is for the executive committee at this time
-Motion to add amendments to constitution by Michael Hinkin, seconded, and passed unanimously (25-0) with quorum met (33 possible).
Constitution amended with additions attached to these minutes.

X. Group Reports

XI. Announcements
• KRF abstract selection notice – February 13, 2009
• Travel Grant Deadline – February 1 for the March 1 thru June 30 Spring period
• KRF event, March 6, 2009 on II floor Student Union 8am to 4pm
• Next GSC Meeting March 2, 2009 in Waters 137
• Application deadline for GSC Officer position – March 13, 2009 @ 5pm
• ETDR Session Feb 25 & 26 - 4-5 p.m. – Union 206
• Professional Development “Industry Interviewing” February 26 from 4:30-5:30 in Big 12 Room

XII. Adjournment

-Motion to adjourn, seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.
GSC CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

Article III:
Section 1: All GSC officers and committee chairs should be in good academic standing in accordance with the Graduate Handbook.

Article IV:
Section 1: All officers shall maintain good academic standing, in accordance with the Graduate Handbook, during their tenure in office. If an officer fails to maintain good academic standing during the fall semester he/she will be ineligible to hold the position for the following spring semester. In such instances the position shall be filled by a mid-term election.

Article V:
Section 1: All committee chairs shall maintain good academic standing, in accordance with the Graduate Handbook, during their tenure in office. If a committee chair fails to maintain good academic standing during the fall semester he/she will be ineligible to hold the position for the following spring semester. In such instances a new committee chair will be appointed by the president in consultation with the executive committee.