Graduate Student Council  
Agenda  
Monday May 3 @ 12:00pm  
Leadership Studies Building, Room 127

Attendance:  
16 groups attending  
14 groups not in attendance  
Dr. Lease was in attendance

1. Approval of consent items*  
   o May agenda (1-2)  
     --Approved without changes by verbal vote  
   o April minutes (3-4)  
     --Approved without changes by verbal vote  
   o March financial reports (5)  
     --Approved without changes by verbal vote  
   o April financial reports (6)  
     --Approved without changes by verbal vote

2. GSC meeting with President Schulz  
   – Next meeting will be on May 6th.  
   – Will be discussing organizational and budget changes

3. Discuss organizational and budget changes  
   –Outlined the proposed changes in the draft document handed out  
   –Discussed that GSC gets their funding from a small portion (less than 1%) from the Graduate Students Privilege Fees.  
   –Main points of change would be to increase the budget and to become a separate but equal group to the Student Government Association in order to better address the needs of the Graduate Student body.  
   –Question was brought up about the Graduate Senator seats would be lost.  
     / Kara addressed the question by talking about how the SGA has different targets to address and does not always help Graduate Students. GSC would be better able to address this if we divested ourselves from them.  
     / Gayla brought up the point that many of the other Big XII colleges have separate undergraduate and graduate student council organizations. Also brought up the idea that an eventual transformation could lead to a Graduate version of a Student Senate-type organization.  
     / Hesitation was expressed at giving up the SGA senator positions, but overall the idea of reorganization and getting more budgetary funds was received well.  
     / Was agreed that the impact of the potential separation needs to be looked into in how it would potentially impact representation within the SGA.  
   –Discussed with that if budgetary objectives were met if we would still separate.  
     / Current wording in the draft handed out was felt to convey the idea that if the budget increase was not met then the GSC would separate.  
     / Need to define within our organization whether we want to separate or stay under SGA with the current system just with a larger budget.
– If anyone has any comments or ideas on these changes please contact one of the officers via email.
– An ad hoc committee on reorganization was proposed as an idea to help keep a constant focus on the matter over the summer and get the idea out and into the Graduate Student body by any means deemed necessary and acceptable.

4. Officer Reports
   o Past President: Kara Dillard
     / Asked to sit on the Research Infrastructure Task Force as the graduated representative and how the current infrastructure on research affects graduate students. Has been trying to get tuition remission and the livable stipend level.
     / Talked to a reporter on the Collegian about getting an article in the Collegian about Graduate Students and Student life
     / Talked to the new SGA president and discussed about graduate student health issues and GRA tuition remission.
   o President: Megan Miller
     /Nothing to report
   o President-elect: Matthew Sellner
   o Treasurer: Graciela Andrango
     – Nothing to Report
   o Secretary: Jedidiah Riley
     – Updated the website. Organization listing is up to date and removed the officers application call from the front page

5. Advisors Report:
   o Dr. Kevin Lease
     – Dr. Lease wants to remind people that they need volunteers for commencement next week. Please stop by the Graduate School and talk to Shannon Fox or to
     – Kara Dillard received the 2010 Graduate Student Service and Leadership Award from the KSU Alumni Association.
     /Steve Cobb won the 2010 Graduate Student Scholarship Award from the KSU Alumni Association

6. Graduate Student Senator Reports
   o Courtney George Reporting
     -- SGA's main meetings are over for the year
     -- Been doing appointments
     -- Vice president for marketing and communications is forming a board to look into the marketing of K-State
     -- KRF and CGRS rewards were posted'
     -- One Graduate Student Senator will be graduating and the position will need to be filled

7. Committee Reports:
   o Allocations: Graciela Andrango
     – 110 submissions of travel grants and they will be working on those this week.
   o Student Affairs – Gayla Adams-Wright and Srikanth Renikunta
– Baseball end of the year bash event was cancelled due to the fact that the event got too complex to do since the Alumni have an event on our target date

o Ice Cream Social – Megan Strain
   – Social went really well. Had a smaller attendance than the fall with some ice cream leftover. 1 box of food was raised from the event

o Professional Development – Kara Ross
   – Scientific writing workshop will be on May 26 in the Big XII room with a speaker. Will be an RSVP event. Posters will be sent out later in the week. Event will be all day

o Research Forums – Megan Miller, Kara Dillard
   – KRF plaques have been delivered to the winner's departments and positive feedback has been received about them

o Health Insurance – Courtney George
   – Student Insurance Advisory Committee of the Board of Regents will be meeting this week and has received the resolutions from the SGA about health insurance. Results of the Dental and Vision survey were also sent for their information.
   – Graduate Assistants Health Care resolution will be looked at by the committee to be sent to the Board of Regents in the next week for action over the summer.

8. GSC University Representatives Reports
   o Union Governing Board – Position Vacant
      – Position has been vacated due to Lindsay graduating
      – If anyone is interested in serving in this position please contact Megan Miller for more information

   o International Affairs Council – Uma Sarmistha and Terrie Becerra
      --No report

9. Announcements:
   o May 6, 2010 – Grad Bash hosted by K-State Alumni Association, 4:00-6:00pm at the Alumni Center Johnson Terrace
      /Food and live entertainment for graduating students. Guests will be charged $5

   o May 14, 2010 – Graduate School Commencement, 1:00pm at Bramlage Coliseum
      /Need volunteers to help from 11:30 to 1 pm.

Adjournment