Graduate Student Council  
Monthly Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 2, 2009 @ 12 noon  
137 Waters Hall

I. Call to Order  
Call to order at 12:02 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda  
Motion and passed unanimously

III. Approval of Minutes from February 2009  
Motion and passed unanimously

IV. Officer Reports  
A. President – Shiva Garimella  
• No Report  
B. President-Elect – Kara Dillard  
• Looking to develop Graduate Handbook  
  • Issues with TOEFL Scores  
  • Improve relationships with committees  
C. Treasurer – Kara Ross  
• SGA FY08 Travel Grant Funds  
  o Spent $7,630.00  
  o Allocated $10,344.66  
  o Available $25.34  
• SGA FY08 Operating Funds  
  o Spent $0  
  o Allocated $730.80  
  o Available $1269.20  
• KSU Foundation Funds $835.09  
  • Unchanged for a while  
D. Secretary – George. H. Weston  
• Group registrations and attendance  
  • Fewer problems with group registrations and attendance is higher.

V. New Business (I)  
• Student Body President Candidates  
• Andrew Huschka & Laura White  
  • Spoke last month, so want to take questions  
  • Q: Feel that platforms focused more on undergraduates, so want to know more about focus n Graduate and Nontraditional students.  
  • Have been speaking with people about it. Lafene will get an increase for help. The graduate school is a larger school on campus. Need to focus on international student concerns.
Transportation issues need to have focus. K-State needs to be a family environment.

• Q: What are your views on Graduate Student Senator involvement with Graduate Student Council?
  • Disappointment in own senators and wish they came to their own college council meetings. It is essential to have student senators go to more college council meetings.

• Q: Would you look into adding requirements for graduate student senators?
  • May have to, especially if the student senators are reduced to make up for the void in fewer senators available for standing committees.

• Wayne Stoskopf (for Herny/Stoskopf)
  • Discussed platform of “Real People, Real Action.”
  • Need more connection with alumni, including through Facebook.
  • Safety is a major concern for students. K-State is one of the safest campuses in the Big 12, but not necessarily the local area. Need increased lighting through funding that is already available.
  • Continuing Education: There is a high demand for more intersession classes, but standards and guidelines are important.
  • Out-of-state tuition waivers for quality students. Instead of more scholarships, have a tuition waiver to bring in top out-of-state students.
  • Mentioned he is looking into graduate school options for himself at this time and his sister currently attends one.

• Q: Tuition waiver for out-of-state graduate students?
  • Would want the program for graduate students too.

• Q: College council involvement for senators
  • Sits on Ag council and wants communication to increase there and at all college councils.

• Q: Requirement for graduate student senators to attend GSC meetings?
  • Have had issues in the past, especially with Vet School, as there have been no senators for the past year, so cautious of implementing requirements.

• Q: Health Insurance
  • Wants to work with student life and Lafene to keep costs down.

• Q: Health insurance is a Regents issue, so how would they deal with it?
  • Was government relations director and made contacts with board of regents.

VI. Advisor Report
Dr. Carol Shanklin, Dean, Graduate School
• Come to teh KRF presentation at the Union and encourage people to attend on March 6.
• Sarachek Application Deadline is March 9, 2009
• Apply for the Peason Scholarship
• Looking for Mac users to test out instructions for ETDR
• Looking for graduate students for oral sessions. Need two graduate students for 1-3:30 p.m. judging of undergraduate oral presentations.

VII. Graduate Student Senator Reports
• Albert Iaroi
• George. H. Weston
  • Student publications will receive a 2% increase next year, but then stay flat for the following two years for the three year cycle.

VIII. Committee Reports
• Allocations - Kara Ross
  • Contact egsc@ksu.edu if you will not be using travel funds allocated to you, so those on a waiting list can receive funding. Keep all your receipts if you are on a waiting list. Travel period deadline is April 15 for July 1-October 31 travel.
• Capitol Graduate Research Summit – Shiva Garimella
  • Ten posters have been chosen, along with 2 alternates.
• GTA/ GRA/ GA Affairs - Open
  • Survey already produced with only a few adjustments needed.
• Ice Cream Social Planning – Russ Webster
  • Report by Kara Dillard: Ice Cream Social is April 23, but do not know if cookies will be there.
• International Graduate Student Affairs – Ainul Abubaker
  • Dr. Shanklin gives report: There are four committee members and they are developing ideas after a meeting the previous Friday.
• Professional Development Seminar – Megan Miller
  • Dr. Lease gives report: Feb 26 “Industrial Interviewing” went well and video should be online next week. Trying to work on having easier access for all graduate students on ISIS so everyone will have access to page on K-State Online.
• K-State Research Forum – Kara Dillard
  • Refreshments on Friday March 6 will be free and there will be 80 participants.
• Seminar List – Yegor Sorokin
  • E-mail to put seminars on list
• Student Health Insurance – Michael Hinkin
  • No report at this time.
• Newsletter – Michael Hinkin
  • Willing to do one more newsletter, but needs item sent in.

IX. GSC University Representatives Reports
• Union Governing Board – George. H. Weston
  • Nothing to report
• International Affairs Council – Jennifer Hanson and Sofia Titvinidze
  • There is a search committee for a new vice provost of international programs.
X. New Business (II)
   • Contesting Graduate Student Senators
     • Gustavo Correa
     • Wants to be a senator, but wants to do it with the support of everybody. He is worried about cuts of graduate school and across campus. This is too important to see cuts for research and travel. There should be an adjustment in privilege fees for GRAs and GTAs. Grain Science Graduate Student.
     • GSC guidelines to Co-sponsor on campus events

XI. Group Reports

XII. Announcements
   • SGA general elections, March 2 and 3, 2009 (sgaelections.ksu.edu)
   • KRF, March 6, 2009. 2nd floor K-State Union 11:30 am to 4 pm
   • CGRS, March 12, 2009. Docking office bldg, Topeka. 10 am to 2 pm
   • Grant Writing - Professional Development Seminar, March 26, 2009, location TBA, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
   • Responsible Conduct in Research – Professional Development Seminar, April 30, 2009, Bix XII Room of the Student Union, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment
   Motion to adjourn passes at 2:00 p.m.