MINUTES

Graduate Student Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
12:00-1:00 p.m., September 8, 2008
State Room, Student Union

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 12:08pm

II. Approval of Agenda
- Corrections for “Approval of Minutes from May 2008” not made available to representatives.
- Election of new graduate student senator
  
  Motion passed to approve correction.
  Motion passed to approve agenda.

IV. Officer Reports
A. President – Shiva Garimella
   - No report at this time
B. President-Elect – Kara Dillard
   - No report at this time
C. Treasurer – Kara Ross (GET NUMBERS LATER)
   - SGA FY08 Travel Grant Funds
     - Spent $2325.00
     - Allocated $3740.00
     - Available $11935
   - SGA FY08 Operating Funds
     - Spent $483.85
     - Allocated $N/A
     - Available $1516.15
     - KSU Foundation Funds $N/A
D. Secretary – George Weston
   - New groups registered
   - Registered groups with inactive status

V. Advisor Reports
Dr. Carol Shanklin, Interim Dean, Graduate School
Dr. Kevin Lease, Interim Associate Dean, Graduate School
   - No Report

VI. Graduate Student Senator Reports
• Albert Iaroi
• Charles Hawley
• David Westfall
• George Weston
   - First meet last week
• Paul Miller
• Pinakin Sukthankar
VII. Committee Reports

- Allocations - Kara Ross
  - September 15th deadline for Winter allocations
  - New committee members requested
- Graduate Student Mixer – Shiva Garimella
  - 18th of September, last day to RSVP is September 15th
  - RSVP with tjackson@ksu.edu from the McCain Auditorium
- GTA/GRA/GA Affairs - Bakhit Embergenov
  - Looking for volunteers to serve on committee
- Ice Cream Social Planning – Russ Webster
  - Thursday, Oct 9th, lots of volunteers already, but need 6 more slots filled, especially the drop off
- International Graduate Student Affairs – Sanmitra Barman
  - “How impressive are you during your interviews?”
  - November 6th in Big 12 at 6 p.m.
- Professional Development Seminar – Megan Miller
  - Scheduled 9/25 Vita Writing all 4:30-5:30pm in Big 12 Room
  - Oct 16th Teaching Philosophy by Vicki Clegg
  - Nov 20th Conflict Resolution Dr. Jim Guikema
  - Would like to request more volunteers
- K-State Research Forum – Kara Dillard
  - March 6th of 2009
  - Looking to set committee
  - 11 committee members last year, would aim for a similar number
- Seminar List – Yegor Sorokin
  - If your seminar list is not list, let your departments know to forward information to egsc@ksu.edu
- Student Health Insurance – Michael Hinkin
  - Board of Regents met on September 3rd
    - Discussed discount program, which will be e-mailed again

VIII. Old Business

- Newsletter – Please email information about your student organization to egsc@ksu.edu. Examples of information for inclusion in the newsletter include: a description of recent club activities and pictures; information about graduate student awards; or information about graduate student presentations at professional meetings.
  - Looking for contributions to newsletter (i.e. stories from graduate student groups)
- End of Year Celebration – possible Pita Pit night with small percentage of proceeds going to the GSC’s sponsorship of the Celebration.

IX. New Business

- Faculty Mentor Award
  - Recognize a faculty member
  - Question from Council: What do we want from this?
  - Table until next meeting
- Nominations for Honor Council
  - 3 Positions open
  - 2 nominations thus far
- Blue Key leadership videos
Blue Key offering 30-40 minute presentations on professional development to individual student organizations. Contact them at (785) 532-5736 or bluekey@k-state.edu

- Graduate Student Senator Election
  - Opening Graduate Senator Seat
  - 2 nominees, but only one in attendance
    - By unanimous vote, Nagaraghuveer Modala is a new Graduate Student Senator

X. Open Forum
- Dana Reinert and Debra Ring – K-State Center for Child Development
  - Like to include child care as a student life priority for the University’s fundraising and development priorities.
  - Proposed having graduate student senators advance an SGA resolution showing student support of making childcare an official priority.
- Dr. David Allen and Dr. Camilla Roberts – K-State Honor Council
  - Downward trend in honor violations by graduate students (only 5 last year)
  - Annual report

XI. Group Reports

XII. Announcements
- September 11, 2008—ETDR Open Forum—4:00 pm in 213 KSU Union
- September 15, 2008 – Travel Award Deadline (Period: Nov 1, 2008 – Feb 28, 2009)
- September 18, 2008 - Graduate Student Mixer – 5.30 pm in Bluemont Room, Union

XIII. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn 1:10 p.m.