Graduate Student Council
Minutes
Monday April 5, 2010 @ 12:00pm
Leadership Studies 127

Call to Order - At 12:05pm, Kara Dillard called the meeting to order
Groups Present: 19
Groups Absent: 12

1. Approval of consent items – A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously for agenda and previous minutes. Financial report will be sent to representatives for approval.

2. New officer elections – The three officer candidates for secretary introduced themselves and provided a quick overview of their expected role in GSC. They were Jedidiah Riley, Olga Bespalova, and Caitlin Hays. After this the group voted on their choice for Secretary. Riley had 10 votes, Bespalova had 7 votes, and Hays had 2 votes.

   Next, the three officer candidates for treasurer also introduced themselves and provided an overview of why they wanted to be treasurer. They were Mohammad Omar Sahtout, Andrew Goodwin, and Graciela Andrango. Sahtout used his introduction time to withdraw from the race, and the group voted on the remaining two candidates. Goodwin finished with 4 votes, while Andrango finished with 15 votes.

   Finally, the only candidate for president-elect, Matthew Sellner, introduced himself to the group. A motion was made by George Weston for election by unanimous consent. This motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

3. Meeting with President Schulz – Dillard noted that the meeting with President Schulz and Provost Mason went well, and that the next meeting with President Schulz would be tomorrow.

4. Open Discussion – Pertaining to the questions posed to the groups in the agenda, two groups mentioned that they did activities outside of campus, but that they would like to see more funding to do so. Other groups cited activities like drinks/social gatherings, participation in events co-sponsored by other groups, and outreach to schools. Dillard noted that after talking with other schools form around the region and conference, a model by which GSC had more money to spend on social occasions and to distribute to groups seemed appropriate.

5. Officer Reports - President Dillard noted that she met with the new student body president Danny Unruh to explain the role of graduate students on campus.
   President-elect Megan Miller had no report
   Treasurer Steven Bellinger noted that he had been working with Career and Employment Services to provide more help to graduate students.
   Secretary Rhett Mohler had no report.

6. Advisor Reports – Dr. Shanklin thanked students for their willingness to serve, including old and new officers and committee members, and reminded those who did not win an executive office that other opportunities for involvement exist. She also noted that on
Wednesday night from 8-9pm, a web chat will be held about graduation deadlines and responsibilities. The web site is http://chats.k-state.edu

7. Graduate Student Senator Reports –
Senator George Weston noted that the final meeting with the old senators has taken place, and that no major legislation is upcoming. He also noted that the emergency funding for the Union roof was approved. Courtney George noted that CGRS participants and KRF winners will be recognized by SGA.

8. Committee Reports –
Bellinger, chair of the Allocations Committee noted that fall travel grants are due by April 15. Srikanth Renikunta, chair of the Student Affairs Committee, noted that a survey was given to graduate students and the results have been compiled. Dillard noted that an end-of-year party was in the planning stages. It will be held in conjunction with a baseball game. The group expressed interest.
Megan Strain, chair of the Ice Cream Social Committee noted that the event will be held on April 29 from 11:30-1:30. She will be needing volunteers starting this week. She also reminded that group that the even was also a food drive.
Kara Ross, chair of the Professional Development Committee, said that the workshop scheduled for tomorrow was cancelled, but that workshops on the 15th and 27th were still on.
Miller, chair of the KRF Committee, noted that the event was held last Friday, April 2, and that it was a success. She thanked all participants and helpers. Dillard noted that the CGRS went well except that no Board of Regents members or legislators were present.
George, chair of the Health Insurance Committee, noted that the survey had been given, and that most students were in favor of the plans. She invited students with questions or concerns to contact her.

10. GSC University Rep. Reports –
Union Governing Board: no report.
International Graduate Student Affairs Committee: no report

11. Announcements – Dillard announced the items posted on the agenda

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45pm.