Call to Order - At 12:00pm, Kara Dillard called the meeting to order
Groups Present: 18
Groups Absent: 14

Approval of Agenda - A motion was made to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously

Approval of Minutes - A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September, 2009 meeting. This motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Officer Reports –
President Kara Dillard noted that the Executive Committee met with President Schulz and will meet again on October 15. She asked for ideas for this meeting. Dillard also recounted her meeting with Dalton Henry, the Student Body President, and how he had not gotten back to her about having a GSC a seat on his executive cabinet. Finally, Dillard said that she would meet later in the day at the Alumni Center to foster a relationship between graduate students and the Center.

President-elect Megan Miller had no report

Treasurer Steven Bellinger reported the following account balances:

- SGA FY10 Travel Grant Funds
  Spent $3,520
  Allocated $10,200
  Available $7,650.34

- SGA FY10 Operating Funds
  Spent $277.91
  Allocated $0
  Available $1,722.09

- KSU Foundation Funds $ 676.09

A motion to approve these balances was made, seconded and passed unanimously

Secretary Rhett Mohler stated that four groups needed to re-register: Marriage and Family, Apparel and Textile, Animal Sciences and Industry, and History. He said that he would send a reminder email to their advisors.

Advisor Reports –
Dr. Shanklin encouraged students to look for fellowship opportunities and pointed to the Graduate School’s website as a place to look. Miller added that the information is available through KSOL also. Finally, Shanklin gave an example of a molecular biology fellowship with an award of $15,000 due in February.

Graduate Student Senator Reports –
George Weston added that not much news of interest to grad students has been discussed, but reminded the group of opportunities for SGA funding through OSAS. He said that individuals could get travel support at $100 apiece or $1000 per group. Also students could bring in speakers and that this had no maximum dollar allowance.

**Committee Reports**
Kara Ross, chair of the Professional Development Committee, noted the workshop on Thursday the 15th of October on grant writing in the Big 12 room of the Union. She also asked for help with this event.

Steven Bellinger, chair of the allocations committee, said that all money for the winter travel allocations period has been awarded.

Kara Dillard noted that the Student Affairs Committee now has a chair.

Megan Strain, chair of the ice cream social committee stated that the event went well, and that all of the ice cream was distributed. She also brought up the idea of using the event to host a canned food drive and the response from the meeting was positive.

Megan Miller, chair of the KRF committee, noted that the online submission form is now available, and that she sent out an email last week with the link. She also noted that 4 submissions have already been made, and that she could use help with the event. Dillard tied the KRF to the CGRS, and indicated that those interested in the CGRS be sure to make note of this on their KRF submission.

**GSC University Rep. Reports**
Lindsey Swoyer, representative to the Union Governing Board, was not present, so Dillard gave her report. Dillard said that the food service contract will be up at the end of the year, and that the Union was looking to either keep the current contract, or look to a competitor. She said that concerns should be sent to her or Swoyer.

No representative was present for the International Grad. Student Affairs Committee, so Dillard noted that Dr. Vandana Shiva, a physicist and ecofeminist from India will speak at McCain on October 16 at 7:00pm.

**Review of Honor Council Applications** – The application for Honor Council by Brandon Brensing was approved unanimously.

**Review of the Motion to Change Travel Allocations** – The motion to change the travel allocations process was passed unanimously, and will take effect starting with the spring travel period. The language of the motion is as follows:

*I Steven Bellinger, GSC Treasurer, move to change the resolution of December 2005 stating that no student could receive less than $50 or more than $150 per travel period and that no student could receive more than $300 in any one fiscal year, to say here forth, no student could receive less than $50 or more than $300 per travel period and that no student could receive more than $300 in any one fiscal year.*

Concern was raised by Weston about some people not claiming their funds, thereby making it appear that not all funds were necessary. This matter was discussed, with most of the discussion showing concern over this problem. At one point, as probation period to
penalize those who didn’t claim their money was proposed, and it was suggested that this period would last a year, during which the individual could not apply for more funding. Finally, it was decided that the issue would be discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting.

Review the and comment on the Principles of Community statement – Dillard again asked for comments on the Principles of Community document, which she would share with the committee assigned to updating the document

Review and Comment on Grad Student Handbook – Grievance Procedure – Dillard asked for opinions on how well this part of the handbook is written, and if it seems fair to graduate students. Specifically, issues like the responsibility of the student to hire a relatively expensive court reporter, the new rule that says they can see the discussion regarding their case, and the fact that they have only two representatives whereas the faculty has three. Shanklin said that all concerns should be sent to Miller or Dillard.

Group Report – Sociology had a BBQ to get new students interested in the group. It went well.

Announcements – Kara announced the deadline to apply to the KRF on November 20, and that the next general GSC meeting would be on November 2.

Adjournment – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, was seconded, and passed unanimously