1. Approval of Agenda
   • Approved without changes.

2. Approval of February 7, 2011 GSC meeting minutes
   • Approved without changes.

   • Lori and Tara discussed the current status of the reorganization on the administrative side of K-State Libraries and the creation of the new Faculty and Graduate Student Services.
     o Faculty and Graduate Student Services is a standing group of 8 librarians with specific subject focuses.
       ▪ K-State Libraries will be holding focus groups to gather new ideas on what can be improved
       ▪ One item that is being looked at is hiring a data services librarian who will be able to help find and also reformat data to fit different programs.
   • A survey will be sent out across campus later this semester to selected students to gather more information on whether or not past changes have led to improvements and what further changes may be needed.
   • Lori and Tara fielded questions from the Council. Question topics included:
     o Workspace in the library for graduate students
     o Visual Arts services seminars/workshops and how the presentations could be videotaped for future reference
     o Adding new journals to the database using based on interlibrary loan requests
     o Library seminars on Refworks, database access, publication specifics
   • If you have any further ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact Lori and Tara.

4. Guest Speaker: SGA President candidate John Grice

5. Officer reports
   • President
     • The Council was encouraged to vote in the SGA elections.
       i. Three graduate students are on the ballot for graduate student senators. There are eight graduate student senate seats available. In addition to the students on the ballot, you may write in names of other graduate students.
• GSC elections are coming up at the next meeting in April. The deadline for submitting the application is March 11. The application may be accessed from the GSC website.
  i. Other leadership opportunities also are available.
    1. Two positions for Honor Council
    2. The Professional Development Committee Chair position is open.
• Representatives were asked to sign a thank you card for Dr. Dodds from the Division of Biology who made a generous donation to our travel grant fund.

○ President-Elect
• Matt asked for volunteers to help with setup, equipment gathering, and publicizing of the K-State Research Forum, which will be held on April 20.
  i. Any time that can be contributed is appreciated. Volunteers are not expected to be available for the entire day of the KRF.

○ Treasurer
• SGA FY10 Travel Grant Funds
  Spent $10,249.96
  Allocated $19,000
  Available $8,750.04
• SGA FY10 Operating Funds
  Spent $601.03
  Allocated $1,000.00
  Available $398.97
• KSU Foundation Funds: $8,675.26
• State funds: $3,775.00
• $1,000 were moved from the SGA operating funds to the SGA travel grant funds in response to the increase in demand from graduate students to travel to professional meetings during the spring travel period.
• The March financial report was approved without changes.

○ Secretary
• Two groups have re-registered: Plant Pathology and Agricultural Economics
• An 8020 Committee meeting will be held on March 9.
• At their most recent meeting, the Graduate Council Student Affairs Committee talked about a new English proficiency test option for potential international graduate students.

6. Advisor report
○ Dr. Shanklin
• Dr. Shanklin congratulated the group of graduate students from K-State that presented their research at the CGRS on February 17th.
  i. CGRS participants have been asked to display their research at the K-State Olathe Open House in April.
KSURF Fellowship program applications are due by April 1 for Ph.D. students. At tomorrow’s professional development seminar, specifics about the KSURF fellowship will be discussed.

i. The KSURF fellowship committee will know by May 5th how many awards will be given. The award recipient selection will then be made by an interdisciplinary panel.

Graduate students have the opportunity to nominate colleagues for Alumni Association awards in Academic Excellence or Leadership. Nominations are due March 11.

In order to continue growing and representing the needs of graduate students on campus, we need good student leaders. Please consider running to continue the trend of increasing graduate student support.

Graduate Student Senate reports

- Olga Bespalova, Jennifer Miller, and Austin Wilhoit have filled open senate seats for the remainder of the current term.
- There was a large debate at last week’s senate meeting over the Veteran’s Affairs center and the budgeting for it.
- Three bills were discussed in regards to the Recreation Center.
  - A bill to support a Maintenance Fund was the primary debate.
- At the upcoming senate meeting, a bill will be discussed in regards to local events and the need to be safe.

Committee Reports

- Allocations – Graciela Andrango
  - Travel grant applications are now being accepted for the Fall travel grant period (July 1 to October 31). April 15 is the deadline for submitting applications.
- Capitol Graduate Research Summit – Megan Miller
  - No additional report. Please see Dr. Shanklin’s report above.
- K-State Research Forum – Matthew Sellner
  - No additional report. Please see the President-Elect report above. Please volunteer!
- Student Affairs – Gayla Adams-Wright
  - The committee is working on planning the spring ice cream social, which will be held in late April on the east side of Fairchild Hall.
  - The committee has also been discussing an end of the year awards event.
- Fundraising – William Zorrilla
  - Will is working closely with the Student Affairs committee to organize joint social and fundraising events.
- Professional Development Seminar Series – OPEN
  - The next event is tomorrow on Intellectual Property Transfer. Please see the announcements section of the agenda.
- Health Insurance – Courtney George
  - Graduate Assistant insurance coverage was passed by the Board of Regents and will be in place starting this Fall.
International Student Affairs Committee – Mauricio Montero Astua and Manpreet Rai

- The International Week panel discussion will be held on April 13 from Noon to 1:00pm. The planning committee is still finalizing a title for the event, which will focus on the differences in teaching and learning between the United States and other nations.

Awards and Recognition – Liz Frink

- Liz is working on putting together two scholarly achievement announcement publications this semester. The first issue will be distributed in a couple of weeks, and the second will be distributed at the end of the semester.
- Funding was received from the Academic Excellence Fund for a Graduate Student of the Year award.

9. Representative Reports

- Union Governing Board – Kyle Probst
  - The UGB will be meeting this Friday, March 11, 2011.

- University Library Committee – Matthew VanSchenkhof
  - The Great Room is closed due to water damage in January and should reopen after Spring Break.

10. Announcements

March

- **Professional Development Seminar: Intellectual Property and KSURF** – March 8, 2011, Union Room 212, 3:30-5:00pm
- **Graduation Deadlines Open Forum** – March 17, 2011, K-State Student Union Room 206, 3:00-4:00pm
- **ETDR Overview Workshop** – March 17, 2011, K-State Student Union Room 206, 4:00-5:00pm

April

- **K-State Research Forum** – April 20, 2011, second floor K-State Student Union, 8:00-5:00pm
- **GSC Ice Cream Social** – April 27, 2011, east side of Fairchild Hall, 1:00-3:00pm

Next meeting – April 4, 2011, noon, Waters 137

Adjournment