I. Call to Order
   - GSC meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda
A motion to approve the revised agenda passed

III. Approval of Minutes from May
A motion to approve the April 30, 2007 minutes of the Graduate Student Council (GSC) as posted passed.

IV. Officer Reports
   A. President – Kellan Kershner
      - Welcomed all in attendance. Introduced the GSC officers for this academic year. Noted that the regular monthly meetings of GSC are held every first Monday of the month except for January, June, July, and August.
      - Summary of Leadership Retreat over summer – 5/7/07
         - Goals and Plans for the year were identified.
         - GSC Calendar of Events was prepared.
      - Summary of Executive Committee Meeting – 7/26/07
         - Welcome Back Pizza lunch was planned, the finances for this academic year were discussed, and the status of various committees with respect to chairpersons, members and plans was discussed.
      - Summary of Leadership Committee Meeting
         - Two meetings were held.
         - 8/16/07: Planned the Welcome Back pizza lunch
         - 9/4/07: Planned for today’s meeting and the upcoming ice cream social.
   - Seminar List

   B. President-Elect – Shiva Garimella
      - Debrief on Graduate Student Mixer held on 8/31/07
         - Approximately 125 graduate students participated.
         - There were 26 door prizes given out.
         - Discussed the timing of the event and the need to register in advance.
         - Input received will be shared with the Planning Committee.

   C. Treasurer – Kara Ross
      - Shiva Garimella presented the treasurer’s report for Kara Ross.
      - Reminded the group that the deadline for travel period two (Travel occurring between November 1, 2007 and February 28, 2008) is 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2007.
      - Presented financial report. Account Balance: $16,770
      - Reported on awards for travel grant period one (July 1-October 30, 2007).
         1. Travel Grant Applications Received: 26
         2. Amount Allocated: $3660
3. Grants Claimed: $3230
   • Number of Grants Awarded: 23
4. Grants Reclaimed: $430
   o KSU Foundation: $835.09

Group Discussion:
(1) Jakub Hadam from Plant Pathology requested that the budget amounts be listed in the Agenda as it was difficult to follow when the amounts are presented.
(2) Kellan Kershner commented that Student Government Association (Student Senate Bill 07/08/04) lists the unclaimed money of all the graduate clubs on campus and not just of the GSC.

D. Secretary – Pradeep Malreddy
   • Membership
     o Encouraged graduate student organizations to register online with GSC.
   • Registration Information
     o Indicated that to date 28 graduate student groups have registered with GSC.
   • Website update
     o Reported that the GSC website will be updated soon and all current student organizations that have registered will be listed.

V. Advisor Report
   • Dr. Carol Shanklin, Acting Dean, Graduate School.
     Kellan introduced Dr. Shanklin and informed the group that she is the advisor for the GSC.
     o Welcomed all.
     o Emphasized the role that the representatives of the graduate student organizations play in providing input from their organizations to GSC and discussed their role as the communication link.
     o Announced the following workshops/seminars:
       1- ETDR Open Forum: September 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m., Little Theater.
       2- Graduation Deadline Workshop: October 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m., Little Theater.
       3- Job Search Workshop for International Students sponsored by the International Student Center and Career and Employment Services: September 14, 2007 at Noon, Union 207.
     o Students who wish to have ETDR forums specifically in their departments/colleges need to contact their respective Associate Deans

VI. Graduate Student Senator Reports
   • George Weston: No report.
   • Tim Weninger:
     o No change in statutes or policies that directly effect graduate students.
     o The maximum funds allocated to university wide clubs for travel is $1000.
     o Major changes are proposed in the University General Education requirements for undergraduates.
A U.S. law allows university officials to call parents of students who violate code of conduct. He mentioned that he will oppose the implementation of such a policy at K-State.

- Daryn Soldan:
  - Governmental Relations Committee Chairperson.
  - Explained the role of Government Relations Committee.
  - Discussed the Good Neighbors Campaign.

- Satyabrata Das: Absent

VII. Open Forum

Welcome to Dr. Helene Marcoux, Associate Director of Honor System –

- Last year, there were 5 cases involving 10 graduate students; four involved unauthorized collaboration; the rest were plagiarism.
- She emphasized that RefWorks is of great help for referencing the source of various articles in order to avoid the possibilities of plagiarizing. Help with RefWorks sessions are offered free of charge for graduate students at Hale Library and is also available online.
- There are two options for faculty in case the faculty suspects that a student is plagiarizing.
  1. Faculty can directly hand over the case to Honor Council, which will form a committee representing faculty and graduate students, then investigate and adjudicate.
  2. The faculty himself/herself investigates and adjudicates and report to the Honor Council.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Allocations Committee, Chair – Kara Ross
  - Travel Grants Deadline for winter period (Nov 1 - Feb 28) is at 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2007.

- Health Insurance Committee: Chair - Michael Hinkin
  - Dr. Shanklin presented for Michael,
  - Michael will soon send out a survey on issues concerning health insurance to all graduate students. The results will be presented to the K-State Student Health Advisory Committee. The first meeting of the K-State Student Health Advisory Committee is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on September 26, 2007.
  - Dr. Shanklin noted that beginning this fall the Kansas Board of Regent has made it mandatory for all the incoming international students to have health insurance. Current students will be required to have health insurance beginning fall 2008.
  - Kellan Kershner encouraged the audience to respond to the survey that Michael will send out soon.

- Ice Cream Social Committee, Chair: Natalie Brown
  - Ice Cream Social, East Side of Fairchild Hall, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., Thursday 9/13/07

- GRA/GTA/GA Affairs Committee, Chair: Pradeep Malreddy
  - A committee with 5 members is formed and is meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007 at the Student Union.
• Research Forum, Chair: Shiva Garimela
  ▪ Shiva reported that he had six members, but encouraged others to consider joining the committee. The committee will begin meeting in October.

• International Student Affairs Committee: Chair: Sanmitra Barman
  ▪ In contact with International Student Center and will be attending the ICC meetings that are held every 3rd week of the month. This month's meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2007.

• Professional Development Seminar: Co-chair: Urska Bukovnik
  ▪ Kellan Kershner reported proxy for the committee.
  ▪ There will be three Seminars this fall; the first seminar is at the end of this month. A mail will be sent out very shortly with all the details.

• Union Governing Board Graduate Student Representative – Kendra Kobiskie
  ▪ Hale Café is now open and is in the basement of the Hale Library.
  ▪ Caribou Café in Student Union is doing well.
  ▪ Mesquite BBQ in Student Union is now open.
  ▪ Soup and Sandwich is served daily for lunch at Union Station.
  ▪ Online Textbook purchase program seems to be working satisfactorily.

IX. Group Reports and Announcements
• Erin Young: From Department of Geology requested advice on forming a graduate group and the registration process with the GSC.

X. Old Business
• Debrief of Pizza Lunch
  ▪ More than 25 graduate students attended the lunch
  ▪ Kellan requested feedback.

• Debrief of Graduate Student Mixer
  ▪ Well attended, RSVPs are required.
  ▪ One student noted that Holiday weekend might have diluted the attendance.

• Seminar List Feedback
  ▪ Annika Lindke requested students that the seminar lists from their respective students be send to seminars@ksu.edu
  ▪ Typically, the seminar list is sent out to all graduate students every Monday morning. And later posted online.

XI. New Business
• Approval of GSC Nominations to Honor and Integrity System:
  A motion to approve the following nominations passed:
  ▪ Tony Grace – Genetics
  ▪ Sarah L Schwartz – Architecture
  ▪ Yared Assefa – Agronomy
  ▪ Meagan Pickett – Apparel Design
• Input regarding Library Training Sessions
  ▪ More sessions will be held in November 2007.

• Senate Appointments
  ▪ Kellan noted that there are three open slots for graduate student senators. He discussed the process required to nominate student senators. Applications will be due in October.

XII. Open Period
  ▪ No presentation at this meeting.

XIII. Announcements
  ▪ Next GSC Meeting, 12:00 p.m., Monday 10/8/07, Room 213, Student Union.
  ▪ ETDR Forum – 4:00 p.m. Thursday, 9/13/07, Little Theater, Student Union.
  ▪ Ice Cream Social, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Thursday, 9/13/07, East Side of Fairchild Hall.
  ▪ Travel Award Deadline: Saturday, 9/15/07, 5:00 p.m.
  ▪ Vita Writing Seminar, 4:00 p.m., September 27, 2007, Big 12 Room.

XIV. Adjournment
  • Motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm