

December 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
Balkans Room, OSC and Zoom
Fourth meeting of the semester

MINUTES:

- I. Welcome – Megan opened the meeting at 1:01 p.m. We had six people attend the meeting via Zoom and two people met in-person in the Balkans Room, OSC, for a total of eight people.
- II. Minutes from last meeting, November 12, 2021, were emailed to the group on November 30, 2021. No changes or corrections to the minutes were suggested, minutes approved.
- III. University Committee Representation/Reports – All graduate representative name and contact information has been given to the committee chairs. You should be contacted by someone soon regarding upcoming meetings.
 - a. Library Services Committee – Alexis Melson – No report.
 - b. Academic Honesty Committee – Emely Monsour – No longer enrolled; Morgan Blalock volunteered and was approved as the new volunteer. Contact information will be sent out soon. No Report.
 - c. Student Learning Committee – Megan Munger – No report.
 - d. Information Technology Council (ITC) – Saivardhan Banoor – Not here. ITC meeting minutes are available here: <https://www.pittstate.edu/it/information-technology-services/information-technology-council.html#undefined1>
- IV. Request for GSAC Funding for Thesis and Conference Attendance
 - a. Conference Presentation Conference Presentation –Emma Buckardt – Biology – Topic: Natural Resources topics related to Kansas and the region; Kansas Natural Resources Conference in Manhattan, KS on February 3, 2022 – Requested amount \$185 (Faculty advisor – Christine Brodsky)
 - b. Conference Presentation –Luke Headings – Biology – Topic: Natural Resources topics related to Kansas and the region; Kansas Natural Resources Conference in Manhattan, KS on February 3, 2022 – Requested amount \$185 (Faculty advisor – Christine Brodsky)
 - c. Conference Presentation –Blake Hansen – Biology – Topic: Natural Resources topics related to Kansas and the region; Kansas Natural Resources Conference in Manhattan, KS on February 3, 2022 – Requested amount \$190 (Faculty advisor – James Whitney)
 - d. All three will be presenting.
 - i. Emma is talking about landscape composition effects, and different habitats that are altered due to mined land.
 - ii. Luke is talking about the Avian community makeup and the nest survival of mined land
 - iii. Blake is talking about mined land area.
 - e. All three requests were approved.

- f. Do let departments know about the Thesis funding for graduate students as many students are not aware.
- g. Budget for this year is \$3000.
- h. We have about \$2000 left for this academic year.

V. Executive Officer Reports

- a. President – Megan Munger – No report.
- b. Vice President – Mary Marine– No report.
- c. Secretary – Alexis Melson – No report.

VI. GSAC Committee Reports

- a. Communication and Outreach – Michelle Cronk – No report.
- b. Events committee – Mary Marine and Jaquelyn Bouchie – No report.
- c. Ad hoc G.A. Pay/Salary Proposal – Megan – No report just yet. Planning to do research over break.
 - i. Chanel found websites and statistics for possible use in the proposal
 - ii. B.B. talked with the Provost and mentioned this topic. The Provost said he is always open to hearing proposals.

VII. Old Business

- a. B. B. confirms the Capitol Graduate Research Summit is February 16 in Topeka. Pittsburg State is allowed to have five students present. Dr. Brian Sims is coordinating the Research Colloquium and this research summit. If you are interested to have your research be a candidate please talk to Dr. Sims.

VIII. New Business

- a. Meeting time for Spring 2022 – change or keep the same (second Friday of the month at 1:00 pm)?
 - i. Kendall proposed a meeting time of 3:30.
 - ii. Megan mentioned creating a chart that everyone can fill out with different times that work for them and then send that out, so that everyone, even those not present, have an input.
 - iii. Chanel mentioned having a meeting in the middle of the week and Megan mentioned Tuesday or Thursday as meeting days.
 - iv. Megan suggested we should plan to meet the second Friday at 1:00 pm for the first spring semester meeting. This is subject to change should we learn that more people can meet at a different time.

IX. For the Good of the Order / Announcements / Department / Program News

- i. Congratulations to all December Graduates! Commencement is Friday, December 10, 2021 (today).
- ii. B.B. talked about doing a social or professional type event. The goal should be to try to have at least one event next semester.
 - 1. Most people liked the idea of a social event.
 - 2. Chanel mentioned that a professional event on how to apply to a doctorate program would be a good idea as well. Megan liked this

idea and brought up the fact that the English department had a meeting about CV and Resumes.

- iii. Look for an email from B.B to fill out which times work best for the spring semester meetings.

X. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 PM.

A link of the recorded meeting:

https://pittstate.zoom.us/rec/share/qlvwsEXoK55zVnFwfNNm48rkNeqJ1sU-o4_vYsIVSrWNEVq7Psq8FdF6D5JY2u27.t46Xk37dUpmLkTF

Next meeting is tentatively planned for January 21, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. – In-person (Balkans Room, OSC) or via Zoom. B.B. will send out invitations and reminders for that meeting.

Minutes submitted by,
Alexis Melson
GSAC Secretary