

**Graduate Student Advisory Council Minutes**  
**September 30, 2024**  
**Balkans Room and Zoom**

1. Welcome and Introductions- Members of the council introduced themselves and shared what department they represented.

2. GSAC Overview: Lisa Allen shared the following from the GSAC mission and encouraged representatives to review the GSAC bylaws on the GSAC web page.

- Mission: Facilitate communication among graduate students, faculty, and administrators. Promote professional development and interaction among the graduate student population through social events, academic events, and specialized workshops. Act as a resource for current, as well as incoming graduate students.
- Web page/GSAC bylaws: <https://www.pittstate.edu/graduate/graduate-student-advisory-council.html>

3. Volunteers needed for University Committee Representation:

- Academic Honesty Committee-Lauren Shepard volunteered to serve.
- Library Services Committee- Brent McDowell volunteered to serve.

4. Officer Elections for the following will be held at the next meeting. These three positions will make up the GSAC Executive Committee.

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary/Treasurer

5. New Business

- Future GSAC Meetings-Lisa will send an email out with a few different day/time options to determine when monthly meeting will be held for the academic year.
- GSAC Committees- Communication and Outreach, Events, Ad Hoc-At the next meeting we will ask for volunteers to serve on the Communication and Outreach committees. These committees should include one member of the Executive Committee, a chairperson, and at least one additional member. We will ask for volunteers for any Ad Hoc committees at a later date if needed.

6. Reports from Programs:

- There was discussion about the number of Graduate Assistants per program.
- Tucker Jessip shared that he is the President of the MBA Association and that they are considering hosting an event to include MBA students as well as students in other programs.

7. Old Business: None

8. Important Dates:

- October 19<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming
- November 10<sup>th</sup> - Enrollment for spring and summer semester begins

9. The meeting was adjourned.