



ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
Graduate Student Council

A-State Graduate Student Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 22, 2018 | 12:30 – 1:30PM | 8th Floor of Ellis Library

I. Call to Order and Introductions

- Ashley called the meeting to order at 12:36PM CST.
 - All GSC officers and attendees introduced themselves.
- i. Meeting schedule for Spring 2018:
- February 5th
 - February 19th
 - March 5th
 - March 26th: Nominations for the 2018-2019 officer group
 - April 9th: Elections for the 2018-2019 officer group
 - April 23rd: 2018-2019 officer group runs the meeting
 - Meetings will be from 12:30 to 1:30pm. All meetings except the April 9th meeting will be in the 8th floor conference room of Ellis Library. The April 9th meeting will be in the Delta Center.
- ii. Office hours for Spring 2018 (will be posted on our website and on our office door, Room 301 of the Education & Leadership Building)
- Monday from 10:30am to 11:30am (Qian)
 - Tuesday from 11:00am to 12:00pm (Sumon)
 - Wednesday from 11:00am to 12:00pm (Sumon)
 - Thursday from 09:00am to 10:00am (Ashley)
 - Friday from 10:00am to 11:00am (Qian)

II. Reports

- i. President's Report
- Polo shirts are in and will be distributed after the meeting.
 - We are in the process of making updates to the following GSC award nomination forms. Please spread the word to all other graduate students that these awards exist. Nominate your colleagues or ask them to nominate you. We will update you with deadlines and other information once we work out more details. Awards will be presented at the annual banquet.
 - Outstanding Graduate Research Award
 - Outstanding Graduate Faculty Mentor Award
 - Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award
 - Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award
 - Outstanding Graduate Student Award
 - Our annual GSC banquet will be in April. The date and time are TBD.

- Major goals of this Semester: i) revision of the GA Handbook, ii) preparation of the Welcome to A-State Survival Guide and “Graduate School” contact list, and iii) revision of the travel fund application.
- We discussed whether we should revise GSC policies to allow students to apply for travel awards twice per academic year rather than once per academic year. We will continue this discussion at the next GSC meeting on February 5th.

ii. Vice President’s Report

- Rokib discussed some ideas for our “fun day” activity this semester. Some students would like to leave Jonesboro, maybe go to Little Rock or Memphis. We also discussed other options, such as an on-campus photo scavenger hunt.
- Rokib discussed his idea of having a Graduate Student Day on campus and stated the significance of this event to the graduate students. Rokib will write up a proposal for the event and present it at the next meeting.

iii. Treasurer’s Report

- Qian updated us on the GSC budget. We had some money roll over from the fall semester, so we have more than enough money to grant travel awards to students this semester.
- GSC encourages all students to apply for the travel fund as soon as they know they are going to a conference, and have the important information required for the application. Applications are due a minimum of one month before the student plans to travel to their conference.

iv. Committee Reports

- Shared Governance Committee: Ashley reported that A-State is currently working on the management of LimeBikes on campus. The A-State Assessment Committee is also interested in developing an exit survey for all graduating graduate students. Qian would like to see a question about how students feel about the assistance they received from staff in addition to faculty.
- Other committees will begin meeting soon.
- We need to find a replacement for Chinnee on the Computers and Technology committee.

III. Open Floor – Any thoughts?

IV. End: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM CST.