**Minutes of the Graduate Student Advisory Council Meeting**

**Web Ex**

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

**3:15 PM**

Attendees: Theresa Gorospe, Gabrielle E. Jones, Adam T. Klein, Tiffany Spisak, Joseph Spurio, Sal Sanders, Angie Urmson Jeffries

Not Present: Humra Ahsan

1. Introductions

Dean Sanders welcomed the Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) and thanked them for their willingness to serve on the Council. Each member then introduced themselves.

1. Role and Responsibilities

The role of the GSAC was explained. An important purpose of the GSAC is to bring feedback from the academic college to the group to discuss and when possible propose options. The Council is also asked to serve on committees and support the Grad College Events-Student Diversity of Scholarship and the Three Minute Thesis.

1. Committee Opportunities:

The GSAC also serves on the Graduate Council committees. Service on these committees allows for a student voice and perspective in conversations and decision making. Angie detailed each of the committees and asked the group which committees they would be interested in serving. The description of each committee is below with members who volunteered to serve. In addition to the committees below, members will also be invited to participate in their respective College Graduate Studies meetings.

* 1. Graduate Council Representative: Graduate Council meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month to discuss all areas graduate education at YSU. GSAC Representatives: Theresa Gorospe, Gabrielle E. Jones, and Joseph Spurio
	2. Graduate Curriculum Committee: This committee receives proposed curriculum and program changes from College Graduate Studies Committees and makes recommendations on changes to Graduate Council. GSAC Representative: Tiffany Spisak
	3. Grievance Committee: This committee hears and renders judgment on grievances in accordance with the established Student Grievance Procedure. GSAC Representatives: Theresa Gorospe, Gabrielle E. Jones, Adam T. Klein, Tiffany Spisak, Joseph Spurio,
	4. Admission and Appeals Committee: This committee hears exceptions to the Admissions requirement that undergraduate institutions are regionally accredited as well as appeals of academic suspension. Representative: Adam Klein
1. Diversity of Scholarship

The Diversity of Scholarship will take place this fall. Angie explained the event and asked if members would be willing to again assist in the selection of the Diversity of Scholarship participants. The Council was asked if they believed students would prefer to have the event in person or virtually. The group voiced a preference for an in-person event. Comments included, after being virtual for a year we are ready to get back to meeting in person. People are wearing masks reducing the risk to an in-person meeting.

1. Three Minute Thesis (3MT)

Angie provided a brief overview of this event that is planned for the spring. This is a great event to learn about the vast research on campus in an evening. Dean Sanders encouraged the GSAC members to participate in either/both the Diversity of Scholarship and the 3MT.

1. GA/TA/Fellow pay schedule

Dean Sanders inquired if the members who held GA/TA/Fellows where aware of the pay schedule and that there would be a break in payment between fall and spring semesters. The group voiced a need for more information regarding this on our website. Some stated that the info at the time of signing the contract can be forgotten. The Graduate College will add this information to the website as well as send an email to GA/TA/Fellows regarding the pay dates.

1. Discussion items from Colleges

It was suggested that the Graduate College send an mass email to graduate students with the names/email addresses of the GSAC so that students could contact to share info/concerns.

1. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM