

Graduate Student Council Minutes
22 August 2006 (Calkins Student Governing Space)

Present: *Adegoke, Bargen, Bast, Bausch, Bethel, Campbell, Chakraborty, Chao, Curry, Donohue, Du, Farmer, Friend, Gabriel, Gorres, Guerrero, Hubbard, Jimenez, Jones, Karnes, Kharbanda, Knight, Koch, Kumru, McIntire, Messamore, Naik, Ollison, Peterson, Pfizenmaier, Picek, Powell, Rawitch, Rook, Schulze, Sharma, Stecklein, Tejada, Thomas, VanHoose, Viss, Weatherly, Yan, Zhang*

- I. Welcome
 - a. President Stacy Picek welcomed all new GSC meeting attendees and introduced Gabe Bargen and Ryan Schulze as the GSC vice-president and interim secretary/treasurer, respectively.
 - b. Stacy read the mission statement for the KUMC Graduate Student Council
- II. Student Research Forum
 - a. Stacy introduced Gabe Bargen and Paige Peterson as the co-chairs for the 2007 KUMC Student Research Forum (SRF).
 - b. Gabe announced that an organizational meeting would be held next Tuesday (August 29th at noon, 1050 SON) to discuss plans for the upcoming year. For more details, contact Gabe by e-mail at gbargen@kumc.edu. An e-mail with further information will be sent out soon.
- III. Nomination / Selection of GSC Departmental Representatives for 2006-2007
 - a. Anatomy: Hope Karnes (hkarnes@kumc.edu)
 - b. Biochemistry: N/A
 - c. Dietetics / Nutrition: Lucinda Powell (lpowell2@kumc.edu)
 - d. IGPBS: Subhash Naik (snaik@kumc.edu)
 - e. Hearing / Speech: Sara Gabriel (sgabriel@kumc.edu)
 - f. Microbiology: Ozan Kumru (okumru@kumc.edu)
 - g. Nursing: N/A
 - h. Occupational Therapy: N/A
 - i. Pharmacology / Toxicology: Jerri Rook (jrook@kumc.edu)
 - j. Physical Therapy: Megan Weatherly (mweatherly@kumc.edu)
 - k. Physiology: Tim Donohue (tdonohue@kumc.edu)
 - l. Public Health / Preventative Medicine: N/A
- IV. Nomination / Selection of GSC Secretary for 2006-2007
 - a. Lisa VanHoose nominated herself for the position.
 - b. A vote was taken to appoint Lisa to the executive board. Vote is unanimous in favor of adding Lisa to the GSC executive board.
- V. Nomination / Selection of GSC Treasurer for 2006-2007
 - a. Amanda Knight nominated herself for the position.
 - b. A vote was taken to appoint Amanda to the executive board. Vote is unanimous in favor of adding Amanda to the GSC executive board.
- VI. Description and Selection of GSC Representatives to Student Governing Council (SGC) Committees
 - a. **Student Research Forum:** Each year the Graduate Student Council hosts the Student Research Forum (SRF). SRF is a two-day event usually held in the first week of April. During the first day, there are student presentations, the A.L. Chapman keynote lecture, and a poster session with a wine a cheese reception to end the day. The second day is filled by a workshop in which the students, faculty, and staff at KUMC can engage in an interactive environment, learning about

such topics as medical and research ethics, science in society, or research grant writing. All students affiliated with KUMC are encouraged to participate in the SRF. (Representatives: Gabe Bargen, gbargen@kumc.edu and Paige Peterson, apeterson@kumc.edu)

- b. **PULSE development:** Maintain the KUMC GSC website, post all meeting attendance and minutes at the request of the GSC Secretary, update website as requested by KUMC GSC. (Representative: Nico Tejada, ntejada@kumc.edu)
- c. **Community Outreach:** Coordinate volunteers and organize/plan GSC participation in activities concerning outreach to the KUMC, K.C./Wyandotte County, and world communities. Events/donations must be within the approved budget for outreach, and expenditures must be pre-approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the KUMC GSC. Maintain a record of all events, participants, contacts, expenditures, and successes throughout the year. (Representative: N/A)
- d. **Graduate Studies Travel Fund:** Assist the travel award committee in selecting recipients of this award. A limited number of travel scholarships for graduate students to attend regional and national scientific meetings are competitively awarded four times a year. These awards may be a maximum of \$550. Funds for these awards are made available by the Office of Graduate Studies and the generous support of the Executive Vice Chancellor, the KUMC Auxiliary, and the Graduate Student Council. (Representative: Juan Du, jdu@kumc.edu)
- e. **Kirmayer Fitness Center Committee:** Meet approximately once per month to discuss the operations of the on-site fitness center. This committee discusses any issues relating to the fitness center and its facilities, including equipment purchases, financial issues, security, membership, funding, and special events. (Representative: Amy Farmer, afarmer@kumc.edu)
- f. **International Exchange:** Meets monthly to discuss international issues with two important goals: (1) to host international visitors and students at the KUMC campus and (2) to provide opportunities for KUMC students to visit abroad. (Representative: Amanda Knight, aknight@kumc.edu)
- g. **Student Health Advisory Committee:** The role of SHAC is to identify the health needs and concerns of KUMC students and provide the Student Health Center Director and the Administration with this information so that relevant issues can be addressed. By facilitating this communication, SHAC will help the Student Health Center meet the needs of the students at KUMC as well as fulfill the role established for it by the contract between the State of Kansas and the State sponsored health insurance plan. (Representatives: Tamara Jimenez, tjimenez@kumc.edu and Lisa VanHoose, lvanhoose@kumc.edu)
- h. **Technology Committee:** The Technology Committee accomplishes the following: (1) provides the student perspective on IT initiatives that affect students, (2) provides input and feedback on IT facilities and services that support students, (3) brings student needs and concerns related to IT to the attention of IT management and (4) facilitates communication between KUMC IT management and KUMC students. (Representatives: George Thomas, gthomas1@kumc.edu and Subhash Naik, snaik@kumc.edu)
- i. **Student Wellness:** The KUMC Student Wellness Program, coordinated by the Division of Student Services, is designed to encourage students to develop and maintain a balanced approach to life. The initiative is promoted through programs and events on campus that cover the cultural, emotional, intellectual, physical, social and spiritual dimensions of wellness. (Representative: Ozan Kumru, okumru@kumc.edu)

- j. **Students Educating and Advocating for Diversity (SEAD):** SEAD is an organization of students, faculty, and staff whose mission is to promote awareness and internalize the meaning of diversity at The University of Kansas Medical Center. (Representative: N/A)
- VII. Selection of Student Governing Council (SGC) Senators Representing the GSC
- a. **School of Medicine / Basic Sciences**
 - i. Jerri Rook (jrook@kumc.edu)
 - ii. Crystal Bethel (cbethel@kumc.edu)
 - b. **School of Nursing**
 - i. N/A
 - ii. N/A
 - c. **School of Allied Health**
 - i. Megan Weatherly (mweatherly@kumc.edu)
 - ii. Kayla Hubbard (khubbard@kumc.edu)
 - d. **At-large**
 - i. Natasha Curry (ncurry@kumc.edu)
 - ii. Matt Pfizenmaier (mpfizenmaier@kumc.edu)
- VIII. Welcome Back Party
- a. Stacy provided information on the graduate student welcome back party:
- Who: ALL Graduate Students and Faculty of KUMC
 What: Graduate Student Mixer and Welcome Party! FREE FOOD!
 Where: Jazz Restaurant, 1823 W 39th Street, Kansas City MO--walking distance from KUMC! (816-531-5556) Center area of Jazz reserved, very casual!
 When: This Friday, August 25th from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
 Why: To mix and mingle with fellow graduate students and faculty. Let loose, have fun, free food and fun!
 How: Reply to gsc@kumc.edu with "Jazz RSVP" in subject line and just show up at Jazz. For more information, feel free to contact the the Graduate Student Council at gsc@kumc.edu.
- IX. Student Research Forum Committee Information
- a. Gabe provided information on the different committees that are part of the student research forum. For more information, please e-mail Gabe at gbargen@kumc.edu or show up to the SRF organizational meeting (Tuesday, 8/29 at noon, 1050 SON).
- X. Future Meeting Times
- a. Discussed potential meeting times. Agreed that the 2nd Tuesday of every month at noon is an acceptable time. The next meeting will be held in the Calkins Student Center at noon on Tuesday, September 12th, 2006.
- XI. Meeting Adjourned