

GSC meeting minutes
December 2, 2008
Calkins Center

Present: Emily McDonald, Ozan Kumru, Callie Ballenger, Eric Rondeau, Jamie McCauley, Bethany Stadalman, Phranil Mehta, Brittany Gorres, Dr. Bast, Marcia Jones, Dr. Rawitch

I. Positions still open

- GSC student senator position for school of nursing still available.
- Graduate student travel awards committee members still need members. Student union board for non-presenters and another committee for graduate students that will be presenting at meetings (poster or oral presentations). Ozan Kumru agreed to serve on the Graduate Travel Award committee. Eric Rondeau can serve on the SUC travel award committee, given that he will be able to make the committee meetings.
- Faculty assembly steering committee also needs a student representative. Bethany Stadalman agreed to serve given that she will be able to make the meetings. Emily will find out more details about the meeting times.
- Need departmental representatives for biochemistry, dietetics and nutrition, hearing and speech, and Pharm/Tox.

II. Treasurer Report:

Due date for funding reimbursements is December 19th for the Fall 08 semester. If these are not turned in by this date then they will not receive the funding they have been approved for. These are the groups that have not turned in reimbursements:

1. Neuroscience
2. Recycling
3. Physical Therapy
4. Physiology Society
5. Jayhawk student org
6. Rehab Sciences
7. MPH
8. Cultural Exchange
9. Chinese student group

III. Updates

- Emily met with Dean Atkinson about budget cuts and campus security and the student perception about campus security. If you have particular concerns please visit with SGC/GSC about your specific concerns.

- There was a concern raised on what time campus security escorts start and stop. Officer Johnson (KUMC chief of police) will be at the SGC meeting at 5 pm on December 4th (this Thursday).
- Also attended a Graduate Council meeting and the body approved a new PhD and masters program in biostatistics. The new postdoc office is offering a new workshop next Thursday (December 11th) about responsible conduct in research. Research day at the Capital in Topeka is being discussed. We will have 6 slots to fill from across the disciplines. The date is still up in the air as of now.
- Went to student leader meeting with Dean Knoll about the study rooms in the new student center. Will be using an online sign up system for the study rooms.

IV. Community outreach

- Gave money to the AIDS quilt via the Association of Undergraduates in the School of Nursing.
- Adopted 2 little boys through adopt a child (project eagle). You can get more information at www.projecteagle.org.

V. Department updates

- PT/OT had a career fair at Kirmayer last week and it went very well.

VI. Future Meeting Date/Final Announcements

- Next GSC meeting will be January 13th, 2009 and this meeting will be the funding meeting. Any groups that will be requesting funding **must attend** this meeting. Discussion about the lack of student involvement generated the idea of requiring groups that receive money from GSC to have a representative in attendance at a minimum of three GSC meetings per semester. This will be implemented for funding in the spring.