



Graduate Student Council Meeting Minutes

1005 Student Center

5pm, 2/24/2005

1. Kimberly Vandegest-Wallace from the Student Counseling and Educational Support Services office presented on sexual harassment. A sexual harassment form has been sent to students. It was noted that sharing a harassment incident with faculty holds them accountable as well. Incident reports can be made anonymously. Kim and Jane Owen plan to meet with graduate council to share case studies and review appropriate questions during interviewing. A SCESS seminar on sexual harassment was given to the SOM/medical students and was well received. The office would like to see mandatory training for all. A student survey showed high incidence of sexual harassment last year, but lower this year. The question was posed if all sexual harassment guidelines are the same. Kim said that there are federal standards that must be met but it is up to the institution beyond that.

2. A summer funding bylaw was written as follows:

Students may apply for funding for group activities, sponsored during the previous school year (i.e. the prior fall and spring) in the summer semester. The amount of funding available will be determined during the last meeting of the GSC spring semester. This money will be made up of any remaining funds in the meeting food, student group funding, or other line items determined by the council. Requests can be made at a time determined by the president and executive committee. Refer back to funding bylaws for rules on submission.

3. A summer officer meeting bylaw was also written as follows:

4. A Students for Student Health update was given. SFSH is now an SGC committee and would like to hold a forum to get input from the greater student body into proposed fee increase. SFSH will ask the group Affordable Healthcare for All to make an announcement. SFSH feels that the online survey being sent to students contains confusing questions and does not address the appropriate issues. For example, services have never been a complaint. Rather, problems have been identified with staff and prescriptions, according to SFSH. It was proposed the SFSH might circulate a petition

5. Spring food funding requests were considered. Five groups applied for funding. Four had representatives present.
 - a. Student Interest Group in Rehabilitation Sciences requested \$75. A question was raised regarding any rules about funding small groups. There is no rule regarding this.

 - b. PT Club requested \$100. A question was raised about how programs were communicated to greater student body. Online calendar posting and posted fliers are the typical means of promotion.

 - c. American College of Healthcare Executive requested \$180.

 - d. The Neuroscience Journal Club requested \$100. No representative was present.

 - e. The MD/PhD Student Group requested \$200. The money would be put toward food for a Pharmacogenomics Seminar on May 3rd. The event will be sent via email broadcast and advertised in the Center Express.

A motion was made to approve all funding as requested by Cristina Newport, seconded by Deb Meyer and passed unanimously.