

GSC meeting minutes  
February 3, 2009  
Calkins Center

In attendance: Emily McDonald, Ozan Kumru, Elizabeth Dille, Megan Dunn, Kyle Jansson, Saddam Kanaan, Ram Kannan, Tarang Jain, Phranil Mehta, Bethany Stadalman, Sam Cates, Di Zhang, Rohir Chemer?sp, Eric Rondeau, Marcia Jones, Shawn Lillig, Jason Rucker, Lisa VanHoose, Argenia Doss, Rachel Stockdale, Youcai Zhang.

I. Committee Reports

- Kirmayer Fitness Center– Eric Rondeau - The most requested item from student groups was that a restroom be put in on the upper level. With budget cuts, Kirmayer cannot afford the installation. Need to find out how much money can come from student groups. Emily will talk with the Student Union Corporation committee later this month about helping out with funding.
- Wellness Program– Elizabeth Dille – Wellness schedule has been posted for the spring semester.
- Library Committee – Rachel Stockdale – Library must cut 20 hours per week. The committee will decide on 3 options for cutting hours and a broadcast e-mail will be sent to all students for their opinion on which is best. There is also a list of journal that will be cut. Please see Rachel if you have any input or if you would like to see the list.
- Street Fair – Phranil Mehta – A planning meeting will be held on Friday at noon. A representative from Rosedale Middle School will be attending. Street Fair will be April 4<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers should see Emily or Phranil. The GSC will have a booth.

II. Positions still open

- GSC representative from School of Nursing for Student Governing Council is still available.
- Graduate student travel awards committee members still need members.
  - Eric Rondeau filled the position for the Student Union Corporation
  - Ozan Kumru filled the position for the Graduate Studies
- Need departmental representatives for Biochemistry, Dietetics and Nutrition, Hearing and Speech, and Pharm/Tox.

III. Updates

- Emily McDonald met with the Graduate Council: Tuition may be increasing due to budget cuts. The Board of Regents has not ruled on the matter yet.
- Emily McDonald met with the Presidents Round Table: Faculty Appreciation Day is March 4<sup>th</sup>. A lunch will be hosted by the students for faculty. A list was passed around for students to volunteer.
- Emily McDonald went to student leader meeting with Dean Knoll. The new benches and tables will arrive soon outside the Library. New TV's should be installed in the Courtyard Café. Waffle makers will also arrive soon.

- GSC elections will occur in late April. Please see current board member or e-mail GSC if you are interested in running for a position.
- Emily McDonald met with Dean Atkinson and Dean Miller (EVC office) about the current financial issues. MSA, GSC and SGC will be organizing a Town Hall style meeting (similar to what was already held) for the student body. The meeting will be held Feb. 23 or March 2. The students will have an opportunity to ask questions about the current budget.
- Student Research Forum call for abstracts went out last month. Abstracts are due March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Students were encouraged to participate. A need for volunteers was expressed. Volunteers needed at every level of organization, talk to Emily if you are interested. Next planning meeting is tomorrow (Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>) at noon.

#### IV. Department updates

- Physical Therapy will be traveling to Las Vegas for their annual Combined Sections meeting for the APTA.

#### V. Funding

- The Graduate Student Council executive committee met with Dean Rawitch about possibly giving some money to the student travel award funds. The usual source of funding has decreased.
  - Concerns were express about this possibly becoming a regular item in the budget. If this is the case, other sources of funding may decrease as the student groups are increasing funding participation.

#### VI. Future Meeting Date/Final Announcements

- Next GSC meeting will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.