



GSC Minutes – 1-27-04

1. Picture taken for *In the Center*
2. Student Survey Results (Dean Knoll)
 - a. Background
 - i. The survey was done last Feb/March
 - ii. Are getting ready to send out a new survey
 - iii. These were results based on "Environment" results, not Information resources results
 - iv. 1732 surveys mailed with 653 responses (38% response)
 1. response rate is representative of student body statistically
 - b. Results
 - i. Environment considered friendly and supportive
 - ii. 72% consider security and safety adequate
 1. significant increase from previous years
 2. significant gender difference – females agreed less
 - iii. 50% agreement – Student voice in decision making
 - iv. Positive image in KUMC area
 - v. Racial/ethnic harmony at KUMC – agreement
 - vi. Sexual harassment
 1. statistically significant difference for the effect of gender and school (SOM)

2. working on methods and ways for students to have pathways to deal with harassment, esp. between students
- vii. Male/Female equal treatment – 74% overall agreement
 1. significant gender differences – fewer females agreed
- viii. 62% agreement - Feeling of community
- ix. 72% agreement - Sense of pride
- x. 83% agreement – able to approach faculty and staff
- xi. 55% agreement – committed to resolving diversity related problems
 1. significant gender differences
- xii. 69% agreement – protected groups treated the same
 1. SOM significant difference (more negatives)
 2. issue was brought up as to how that question was asked on the survey; will separate out each group (one per question) for the next survey
- xiii. 55% agreement – beneficial to be a member of a student organization
 1. Question will be added to address if students actually are a member of a student organization
- xiv. 48% agreement – student wellness program provides services and programs
 1. written comments reflect responders not getting the focus of question – answers more address Kirmayer etc
- xv. 17% agreement – Drug and alcohol use is an issue for students in my program at KUMC
 1. significant difference for SOM and Males
 2. intentionally didn't separate drug from alcohol
 3. will change use of "issue" to "problem" in next survey
- xvi. 3% agreement – Drugs/alcohol as a personal issue
- xvii. 79% prefer e-mail as communication method

c. One question asked on last year's survey was whether an on-line survey would be preferred if anonymity could be ensured

- i. Only 6% of people actually responded online
- ii. 73% said they would if it were available
- iii. a Web-based system is being developed to facilitate the completion of anonymous surveys online

iv. will also mail out surveys as in the past

d. Items with least agreement

- i. Feeling of community
- ii. Student voice in decision making
- iii. Participation in student organizations being beneficial
- iv. Will evaluate with focus groups

e. Sub-group focus

- i. Drug/Alcohol use
 - 1. would like schools to evaluate use of alcohol at University-sponsored events both on and off campus
- ii. Sexual harassment
- iii. Campus security
- iv. Diversity and equal treatment.

f. Other issues

- i. Cold classrooms and computer rooms – will be revamping heating system over the next 18 months
- ii. Student Health Insurance
 - 1. It was brought up and discussed that the State of Kansas (statewide) doesn't recognize GTAs as employees, which is why we aren't allowed to be covered by the state plan
 - 2. It was recommended rather than to pursue getting GTAs to be considered employees, which might add more problems, that we should focus on improving the current quality of student health insurance
- iii. Accessibility to Lecture notes

3. Student Organization Budget requests (to be voted on at Feb. meeting)

a. International Society (Alex Dajkovic)

- i. Recognized need for international students to be recognized; 40-60% of US graduate students are international.
- ii. Goals – provide support for international students and increase cultural awareness for the entire KUMC community
- iii. Budget
 - 1. Film purchases 6 x \$40 = \$240 – one time cost for short films that encapsulate some essential element of a culture will be shown during lunch, which will be provided; these films will be stored somewhere on campus for future use

2. Lunches 6 x \$120 = \$720 (see above)
3. Van rental 9 x \$50 = \$450 – would like to get vans to help international students get to the grocery store every two weeks
4. Booklet printing - \$200 – working on preparing a welcome booklet for incoming international students which will help them navigate American academic and social milieu.

b. MD/PhD Student group (Audrey Blacklock)

- i. Would like to receive funding for a campus-wide event organized by the MD/PhD group that will help bridge the gap between the medical students and graduate students. It will highlight the importance of the interplay between research and medicine, and how each benefits each other
- ii. Dr. Robert Simari is coming in during the Spring to give a talk about his research in gene therapy, and the important of basic science research in the field of clinical medicine
- iii. Asking \$100 for lunches – will list GSC as a sponsor

c. PT Club (Emily Harris)

- i. Would like funding to help bring in a speaker (not chosen yet)
 1. possibilities are a speaker focusing on Women's Health and someone in the Sports field (i.e. Chief's PT)
 2. meeting are open to everyone, not just PT
- ii. requesting \$100 for thank you gifts for the speakers that come

d. MPH SO (Mike Oller)

- i. Master's of Public Health Student Organization is requesting funds for the semi-annual MPH SO
 1. one group on the KUMC-Wichita campus, one group here
 2. asking for \$100.00 for lunches
- ii. Idea is to set a foundation so that future groups can build upon and maintain the organization

4. SRF Update

- a. Poster abstracts due Feb. 20th
- b. Oral abstracts due Feb. 27th
- c. www.kumc.edu/student/GSC/srf/srf2004/srf2004.html

5. Committee updates (ran out of time here)

- a. SHOT – services extended (on a trial basis) to spouses, partners, and children over 3 for all current KUMC students
 - i. Spring and fall semesters are each \$100 for a spouse, partner, or child, \$50 for summer semester, and \$225 for 1-1 to 12-31
 - ii. Each additional member is half the above rates except for entire year, which is \$100

iii. What is the definition of “partner”? – still working on definition, but currently it is someone in a long term relationship with the student, sharing an address, and barred from marriage.

1. sounds like that this excludes heterosexual non-married couples who live together
2. what qualifies as a long term relationship?

6. Announcements

a. Technology committee website is up – www2.kumc.edu/students/stc

i. Preliminary FAQ pages from IR were handed out, go to site to make any comments/suggestions

b. Faculty appreciation day – January 30th SON atrium

c. Health and Safety Fair at Mission Valley Middle School – Feb. 4th

i. A broadcast e-mail had already been sent out asking for volunteers

ii. Contact Debra Collins (dcollins@kumc.edu) 588-6022 opt 5

d. Wellness workshops

i. Tax prep help - Mon Feb 17th, G013 SON at noon

ii. Health Insurance – Mon Mar 1st, 1050 SON, noon

e. American association of University Professors (AAUP)

i. Will be held Feb. 26-28 at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on the Plaza (<http://iml.umkc.edu/aaup/facadv13.htm#MPA/AAUP>)

1. Thursday will focus on grad student organizing issues, though there will be a panel on Friday consisting of 3 foreign grad students talking about their teaching experiences

2. Registration for students not presenting is only \$5

3. Send Name, Department, Institution, Address, and e-mail along with check payable to MPA to Brenda Woods, Treasurer, MPA / Central Missouri State University / Dept. of English and Philosophy / Martin 336 / Warrensburg, MO 64093

4. for more information on meal reservations (due by 2-12) or further registration fees, email Alex (adajkovi@kumc.edu)

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