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## Graduate Student Council Meeting Minutes

1005 Student Center

5pm, 1/27/2005

1. Jayne Owen, [jowen@kumc.edu](mailto:jowen@kumc.edu), of the Equal Opportunity <http://www.kumc.edu/eoo/> presented on sexual harassment policy at KUMC in the hope that leadership organizations such as GSC will help encourage awareness within the student body. She identified two types of harassment, “quid pro quo” in which an authority figure uses the leverage of his/her position to make unwanted sexual advances. “Hostile environment” harassment is when coworkers behave repeatedly in an unwanted manner, that negatively impacts work participation. The context in which the behavior occurs is critical in the assessment of harassment. Power, not sex is at the heart of sexual harassment. Jayne Owen suggests those who feel they are being subjected to sexual harassment should keep a record of the behavior, any witnesses and your response. Those who experience harassment should also seek support. While 100% confidentiality cannot be guaranteed through the Equal Opportunity Office, they will investigate all reports. You can also make an anonymous report through Dean Knoll’s office. Dr. Bast stated that a student panel discussion of sexual harassment had worked before to call attention to the issue and may be in order again.
  
2. Kevin again brought up the issue of summer funding of student organizations and holding 1 GSC meeting. There was general interest in the idea. Kevin will draw up a bylaw for a vote at the February meeting.
  
3. Students for Student Health Update
  - a. Christina Newport updated the group on SSH. SGC voted to create a SSH committee to address health care needs of students. Dean Knoll has received a list of issues from the committee. The committee will have 1 student representative from each school. The committee will actively collect information from students regarding their experiences at the Student Health Center at forums not attended by faculty associated with the

Student Health Center in order to encourage more candid dialogue.

- b. Dean Knoll and the co-presidents have drafted a Mission Statement for the SSH Committee that does not reflect the intended goals of the current Committee members. The Committee will meet with Dean Knoll next week to work this out.

#### 4. Committees

- a. Kevin showed pictures of the future furniture at the Library. John Weroha suggested that the Library hold an Open House once the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is complete. Kevin will approach Karen Cole with this idea.
  - b. Nick McWilliams reported that Broadcast access by students is for students to manage and be responsible for. It is the responsibility of students to encourage responsible use to avoid conflicts and complaints about use. Several people expressed interest in an EndNote training class and Nick said that could be arranged if enough people show interest.
  - c. Nick further reported that GoPrint is up and running. Billable accounts from labs should be able to acquire an account. New, GoPrint ready copiers should be installed in February.
5. Nick also gave an update on SRF. Abstract submission via the internet should be running by 5pm on Monday, Jan. 31. If the new website is not ready, sites from previous years will be used. Nick will send an update informational email soon.
  6. Kevin McIntire suggested that GSC give more to Faculty Appreciation Day. Dr. Bast also suggested seeking financial support from the School deans. Funding will be approved on an as needed basis. If GSC is approached for further FAD funding beyond the line item already budgeted, each request will be voted on individually.
  7. Ramsey reminded the group that another Ronald McDonald House dinner was in the future. She also noted that GSC received thank you's from RMD and the children who received gifts from the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Project.
  8. There was discussion about the representation of research and clinically oriented graduate students in each school. The consensus of those present was that GSC should continue to represent all graduate students, research and clinically oriented alike and that a division of representation could result in a division of student power.
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