



Graduate Student Council Minutes

28 June 2005 (1005 Student Center)

Present: *Ammar, Alcalay, Gandhi, Hout, Kueker, McIntire, Newport, Ollison, Patel, Powell, Rawitch, Reed, Schulze, Vidoni*

I. Call for Vice Presidential Nominations / Election

- a. Natalie Reed nominated Josh Powell (PrevMed/FamMed) for position of GSC Vice President. Nomination accepted by Powell.
- b. Kevin McIntire commented on the need for a proactive Vice President to generate more interest in the GSC. Powell agreed and discussed his past outreach experience.
- c. Reed asked for any additional VP nominations.
- d. Christina Newport motioned to vote on Powell as the GSC Vice-President. Rohan Gandhi seconded. Motion to elect Powell passed unanimously.

II. GSC By-law Amendment Proposal Vote

- a. Reed asked for any questions/concerns about the amended by-laws. No concerns.
- b. McIntire motioned to pass bylaws as written. Newport seconded. Motion to accept revised by-laws passed unanimously.

III. SRF Co-Chair Considerations

- a. Natalie stated that she had received some interest in the position.
- b. Chad Ammar, 2nd year medical student was present and expressed his interest in the position. He is planning on presenting at the forum and has done research for the past year at the Lawrence campus.
- c. McIntire and Ghandi commented on the significant workload for the position but stated that the chairs would have strong support from the entire SRF planning committee. Ammar stated that he would like to gather some more information about the forum from past chairs and will make a decision at a later date. No vote or appointment is necessary for the position – it is strictly voluntary.

IV. GSC Credit Union Account

- a. Jessica Kueker talked with the KUMC Credit Union. To open a checking account, we must also open a savings account (non-interest bearing). We must maintain a minimum balance of \$30.00 in the savings account, a minimum of \$50.00 in the checking account, and carry a minimum balance between the two of \$200.00 to avoid paying fees. Four names may be added to the account.
- b. Dr. Rawitch indicated that Marcia Jones or Shirley Arnall could assist in the transfer of funds from RFF to the GSC account.
- c. Neal Alcalay reiterated the importance of documenting purchases and retaining receipts.
- d. Newport motioned to approve opening a GSC checking account. McIntire seconded the motion. Motion to open a GSC account passed unanimously.
- e. Powell stated that an amendment to the by-laws needs to be created to detail who should have access to the account and for what purposes. Kueker will draft an amendment.

V. Back-to-School Party

- a. Reed discussed the possibility of purchasing and distributing rubber wristbands to graduate students that would act as a means for identification and admission to graduate student-sponsored events. The quote for a minimum order of 1000 is \$1.10/band with \$20.00 shipping. An order of 500 is \$1.60/band.
- b. Newport and McIntire suggested alternatives to wristbands such as buttons or badge clips. Newport indicated that buttons may be significantly less expensive and that we may be able to produce them ourselves.
- c. Reed will look into the cost for obtaining materials for making buttons. Reed indicated that materials must be ordered soon so that these can be distributed in time for new student orientation.
- d. Reed suggested Friday, August 19th as a potential day for the party (first Friday after the start of the fall semester). Others suggested Fridays in early September as additional possibilities, to give new students time to orient themselves to the campus. Natalie will choose a Friday date a few weeks into the semester.

- e. Downing's Bar and Grill would allow the party to be held on their patio, but kegs must be purchased through them at a cost of \$200.00/keg for domestic beer. Reed contacted Berbiglia's Wine & Spirits and was quoted \$86.00/keg for domestic beer.
- f. Alternative sites for the party could include Hixon Atrium or the School of Nursing Atrium, where alcohol is allowed. Dr. Rawitch indicated that if we decide to choose an on-campus location for the party, we must let him know so that he can sign off on it.

VI. Groupwise Mailbox Issues

- a. There are still problems with e-mails being deleted. Dr. Rawitch will look into this.

VII. Creation of GSC Student Award

- a. Dr. Rawitch suggested the possibility of creating an award that would recognize a graduate student for outstanding leadership. The office of Graduate Studies would contribute to funding a monetary award and possibly a recognition plaque.
- b. We need to determine the qualifications for the award and what type of recognition the winner would receive.

VIII. Additional Business

- a. Newport asked again that we consider discussing a GSC Costco membership
- b. Alcalay commented on the difficulty of paying student fees online, as Mastercard is the only credit card accepted for payment.
- c. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, 19 July 2005 at noon in B011 SON.

IX. Meeting Adjourned

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