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## Graduate Student Council Meeting Minutes

1005 Student Center

5pm, 4/1/2005

1. Kevin McIntire began with a call for volunteers to man the GSC booth during the activities fair. The commitment is approximately 1hr on April 12<sup>th</sup> at noon in Hixon Atrium. Contact Kevin, [KMCINTIRE@kumc.edu](mailto:KMCINTIRE@kumc.edu), if interested.
2. Dean Dorothy Knoll and Chris Meiers were in attendance to present on a proposed student health center fee increase. The Student Health Center (SHC) has been a free-standing clinic since 2000 and grew to include service to the spouses and children of students in 2004. It is a cost-recovery operation with a medical director MD available 4hrs/ week and is on call during operating hours.

Beginning last fall Dean Knoll met with student groups and solicited survey information from the student body. Further meetings and forums were held through the Student Health Outreach Team (SHOT) and Students for Student Health. From those meeting Dean Knoll gathered a general sense that students wanted to change the delivery structure at the SHC. A consensus for the following changes was reached at the March SHOT meeting:

1. A fee increase would be implemented to provide for two licensed care providers available at all times.
2. The current medical assistant position would be replaced by a registered nurse with administrative experience to improve triage.
3. Doctor hours would be increased from 4 to 6 per week.

Currently, three-quarters of the SHC budget comes from student fees. Under the current student fee structure, students enrolled in less than 6 credit hours pay \$82.80. Dean Knoll noted that according to a recent student survey, these students utilize SHC services as much as students enrolled in more hours. The fee increase proposed by SHOT would impose equal SHC fees on all students. Furthermore, all students would see yearly fees increase by 30%, to \$179.40. (A copy of the proposed fee increase structure will be included in the official GSC

record.)

Dean Knoll stated she was in support of the fee increase. Christina Newport, head of SFSH said that the proposal addressed most of concerns outlined by SFSH.

Chris Meiers stated that the fee increase would eliminate the current running SHC budget deficit, supplement the formation of the RN position, cover the increased doctor hours.

Kevin McIntire noted that he perceived a 60/40 split at SHOT and SFSH forums about large increases in doctors hours when the question was raised about why a doctor would not be retained for more hours.

Nick McWilliams asked if hiring an RN would allow more patients to be seen. Dean Knoll replied that the change should allow more patients to be seen faster and with better triage.

Inez Janowicz was concerned that there was not enough data on SHC usage to convince the student body to approve the increase. Kevin McIntire and Ramsey McIntire replied that numerous surveys and forums have been conducted. Dean Knoll suggested that campus resources such as SHC are supported for the common good of all students, not just those who use the SHC regularly.

Those in attendance voted to approve the fee increase 13-0 with two abstentions.

3. Proposed funding bylaw language (see below) was discussed. The summer meeting bylaw would allow for registered student organizations to apply for summer funding. There was some confusion about when this funding would be available. Kevin McIntire stated that this funding would be available for the summer session only and would be awarded at a GSC Summer session meeting.

*Registered student groups may apply for funding for group activities in the summer semester. The amount of funding 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. Request can be made at a time determined by the president and executive committee. Refer back to funding bylaws for rules on submission.*

4. Nick McWilliams will begin organizing the Spring Picnic when the final budget is known. The proposed date is May 13<sup>th</sup>. All graduate students, graduate faculty, staff, administration and their families will be invited.
  5. Kevin reported from the library committee. All upstairs furniture should be installed by April 18<sup>th</sup>.
  6. The group was reminded that the Student Research Forum and Workshop will be Thursday and Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
  7. Outreach will be discussed at the next GSC meeting.
  8. Meeting adjourned at 12:55.
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