



## Graduate Student Council Minutes

26 May 2005 (B012 SON)

Present: Alcalay, Gandhi, Jones, Kueker, McIntire, Newport, Reed, Schulze, Vidoni

### I. GSC By-law Amendment Proposal

- a. Because of the vacant Vice-President position, Natalie Reed proposed the following additions to Article IV §2 (Election of Officers) of the GSC bylaws:
  - i. Resignation of President – *In the event that the GSC president resigns, the Vice President shall assume the duties and title of GSC President and a new Vice President shall be elected.*
  - ii. Vacant Office – *In the event that an elected office cannot be filled the duties of that office will be divided among the other elected officers until such a time as GSC can present an eligible nominee and call for an election.*
- b. Christina Newport and Kevin McIntire further proposed including information regarding the GSC policy for succession of officers in the event of resignation/impeachment and clarification of the date for turnover of power to the executive officers.
- c. Rohan Gandhi also asked that the duties of the Vice President be revised to explicitly state that the GSC Vice President will assume the full duties of the President should the President be absent or resign. In the event of resignation/impeachment, VP will assume duty of the President for the remainder of the term.
  - i. Natalie proposed that we continue to broadcast calls for VP nominations at least through early fall.

ii. Natalie will revise and e-mail a preview of revisions to the by-laws to be voted on at the next meeting.

## II. Call for Vice Presidential Nominations

- a. Natalie called for nominations for the office of GSC Vice President
  - i. Neal Alcalay nominated Rohan Gandhi. Rohan respectfully declined.
  - ii. Neal Alcalay nominated Eric Vidoni. Eric respectfully declined.
  - iii. Neal Alcalay nominated Jessica Kueker. Jessica respectfully declined.
- b. No further nominations.

## III. Summer Funding Requests

- a. Natalie called for summer funding requests by graduate student organizations.
  - i. Eric requested \$100 for the Student Interest Group in Rehabilitation Sciences.
    - 1. SIGRS is for graduate Ph.D. students in Rehabilitation Sciences and organizes journal clubs and brownbag seminars. The funding is requested to help subsidize a new student welcoming event in late July at a T-bones baseball game.
    - 2. Rohan asked if there were other sources of funding.
    - 3. Eric stated that additional funding was available from the PTRS department but that no summer funding was available from SGC.
    - 4. Kevin motioned to vote on approval of funding in the amount of \$100. Christina seconded. Motion passed with one dissenting vote.
  - ii. An e-mail request for individual tuition assistance was denied funding per GSC bylaws to only fund approved organizations (Article VI, §2)
- b. No further requests

## IV. Graduate Student Travel Committee

- a. Natalie called for nominations to replace Christina Kaiser on the Graduate Student Travel Committee beginning in August.
- b. Eric and Neal self-nominated themselves for the position.
- c. Christina motioned that a vote be taken. Kevin seconded the motion. The council voted to appoint Eric to the GSTC.

## V. Summer Meeting Dates

- a. GSC will have a meeting in late June. Date TBD

- b. A “welcome back” picnic will be planned at the next meeting.

VI. Additional Business

- a. Kevin asked that the Council consider setting up an account with the KUMC Credit Union.
- b. Christina asked that the Council consider the possibility of setting up a Costco/Sam’s Club membership for student organizations that will allow us to obtain supplies.
- c. These items will be discussed further at the next meeting.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

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