

Graduate Student Council Meeting November 20, 2000

Minutes:

Julie Carlsten motioned to approve the minutes read from the October 18, 2000 meeting and Mike VanSaun seconded.

Discussion:

- A. Graduate Level Statistics Class -- Susanna Harju attended a meeting discussing the statistic courses offered by the Biometry Department. People who had taken Biometry 811 felt it was directed more towards Nursing and Allied Health students to learn how to read and understand science papers. She was told this class could be modified to include topics for Basic Science Graduate Students. Susanna asked for suggestions and was wondering if a new course offered in the summer on statistics for basic sciences might be an option. Susanna talked with Dr. Sarras who was against having a statistics course offered in the IGPBS program since it is overloaded already.

Dr. Bast suggested we evaluate the number of people interested in taking the course and discuss the need with the current instructor. He also suggested that we meet with the graduate program directors from each basic science department and then with other department professors and ask them for a summary of key statistical techniques, methodology and types of applications. This information can then be given to the Biometry department to give them a chance to respond to our needs.

Scott Falke also suggested that UMKC offers a statistics course.

- B. Faculty Appreciation Day: January 26, 2001
Previously Medicine, Allied Health, Basic Sciences and Nursing provided \$100 to help pay for a cookie reception. A lunch reception was suggested at which time each school will recognize a teacher that was selected by email vote. GSC decided to give \$100 again this year until more information about the January reception could be provided.
- C. SRF Workshop: Theingi Thway is thinking about a Career Development and Work Experience Workshop with a basic science focus. Speakers will mentor students on how to prepare for an academic future. Dr. Rawitch suggested she contact Dean Diane Carlin at the Lawrence campus for ideas. It was suggested that two auditoriums be booked with one for speakers directed toward a clinical/research future and one directed toward a medical future. Susanna Harju is going to talk with Peder Horner, MSA president, and ask him about possible medical student interest. Julie Carlsten suggested we table the discussion until the Nov. 30th SRF meeting.
- D. Committee reports: Scott Falke volunteered to be the Student Wellness representative for GSC.
- E. Christmas party: will be postponed and replaced with a spring picnic.
- F. Charity events with opportunities to get involved:
- Children's Miracle Network-- will have a dance marathon and a change bandits day to raise pocket change for charity.
 - Community Outreach Program--Currently a Bookfair is going on in the Wyandotte and cafeteria rooms to raise money. December 7, 2000 will sponsor a study break for finals.
 - Adopt a family program-- GSC approved the use of \$300 to adopt family members this Christmas. Theingi Thway volunteered to get information to Susanna regarding the guidelines for adopting a family and pick family members.
- G. Next meeting: **December 12, 2000 Lunch 1pm MRRC (SHOPPING FOR ADOPT A FAMILY MUST BE DONE BY THAT DAY)**

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Department</u>
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Julie Carlsten	2723	jcarlsten	Anatomy
Susanna Harju	5447	sharju	Biochemistry
Kathleen Friel	7394	kfriel	Physiology
Scott Falke	6940	sfalke	Biochemistry
Brian Herman		bherman	n Physiology
Kellie McQueen	5447	kmcqueen	Biochemistry
Michael Taylor	2723	mtaylor1	Anatomy
Theingi Thway	7418	tthway	Physiology
Mike VanSaun	7491	mvansaun	Anatomy
Karen Rodriguez	5241	krdrigu	Graduate Studies
Karen Stanze	1238	kstanze	Graduate Studies