



GSC Meeting – November 25, 2003 minutes

1. Voting on financial outreach

a. Permanent budget items

- i. Girl in China – \$150
- ii. 2 additional “Adopt-a-Family” kids – \$100
- iii. Second Ronald McDonald House Dinner (RMHD) – \$100
- iv. School Supplies – \$75

b. One time donations

- i. 2004 Medical Mission Trip (preferably for supplies) – \$1000
- ii. United Way – \$2000
1. have been assured that this money is guaranteed for Wyandotte County

c. Nick McWilliams made a motion to vote for approval of all items simultaneously; Mariam Riazi seconded. The vote was passed by a unanimous vote.

d. GSC Picnic

- i. Consolidated into one large party rather than 2 semester ones
- ii. Asking for volunteers for ideas as what all to do (brainstorming with Vice President)
- iii. Will be held in late April/May (after SRF)

e. Other ideas for remainder of funds – still open for ideas

- i. Regional Science Fair

1. Science Pioneers (March)

- ii. India Outreach

1. there is currently a chapter at UMKC

2. Bylaw changes

- a. Changes were reviewed – they are currently posted on the GSC website (<http://www.kumc.edu/student/GSC/bylaws.html>) -- changes are in *italics*) and will be voted on at the next meeting

3. Committee updates

- a. SHOT

- i. Student health surveys were passed out to everyone in attendance; department reps are responsible to distribute to as many of their students as possible

- b. Technology

- i. Blackboard is coming to KUMC; there have been many problems in the past, but the majority of those are reportedly fixed.

- ii. A website is in the works which will be linked to all the student governing sites; this will allow students to easily voice their comments, opinions, complaints, and questions

- iii. Mykumc portal will be pushed for more student use in the coming months; broadcast e-mails will for the most part be eliminated, and events will be posted on the calendar. It will be used for library verification (proxy/online journal access).

- iv. The committee discussed having a FAQ page for new students which could be on the website and/or given to all incoming students during orientation

- v. Groupwise is gradually being updated to 6.5

- vi. Wireless – several buildings around campus will be the initial implementation sites. Funding will be requested around Feb. 2004, hopefully approved by summer, and implemented by fall 2004

- vii. Last year's survey notes – several complaints about the mezzanine O-M computers not being maintained, the library being only open until 9 (it is now open until 11pm S-R), and printing at the ITC

- viii. The new printing system (account not card based; duplex & color capabilities) will be tested out in February; those on the technology committee will be among those testing/trying out the system

- ix. Moving away from ZIP disks – Karen Cole is purchasing 38 new computers which will not have ZIP drives, but rather USB drives. This will save a significant amount of money. There will still be ZIP drives available for use, but the push will be towards USB, which are more compact and hold more information.

- x. Questions/issues brought up (11/25)

1. Printing costs – why are they so high and what can be done about that? This was redirected to Kevin McIntire and the library committee

2. Macintosh computers

- a. Are the Groupwise updates on Macs too?
- b. Need for Macintosh support at KUMC
- c. International Exchange
 - i. Forming external advisory committee outside of KUMC (working with Dr. Rawitch)
 - ii. International Society also being formed, open to all students. Elections for officers will be held on Dec. 3rd
- d. Student Wellness
 - i. Meeting on Dec. 3rd
 - ii. Study Break will be held Mon. Dec. 8th
 - iii. Let Erica Perryn know any ideas for future programs
 - iv. Dean Knoll wants to have two workshops on health insurance, most likely Q&A with Dean Knoll. Will be developing surveys to help find out what students know and/or need to know
 - v. Shweta Parab mentioned a tax help session for (both) international and regular students
- e. Kirmayer
 - i. Will ask about being able to check out equipment and take it off-site for the GSC picnic
- f. Recycling (SGC)
 - i. Needs help and student input; if interested contact Teresa Orth
 - ii. Next SGC meeting is Dec. 4th at 5:30pm
- g. Library (SGC)
 - i. Construction – currently ripping up carpet and laying tracks for shelving. There is constant moving of items, so ask desk people for help finding items
 - ii. New journals – about \$18-20,000 was allocated for new journals; about 350-400 new titles were purchased. Some are online only, some print only, and some are both. Will have a full list and a “wish” list of journals for future purchase
- h. Bookstore (SGC)
 - i. Issue – no graduate school student merchandise
 - 1. want feedback from students as to what sort of things graduate students would like to see (for December meeting)
 - ii. Buy from the bookstore
 - 1. they give a great deal of money to student organizations

2. they are very good about price matching
3. they keep the prices of textbooks down as compared to a Barnes & Nobles/Borders
- iii. There was increased loss in stock items last year, supposedly due to theft. Inventory will take place over Thanksgiving break to see if the loss problem is still happening

i. Volunteer/community outreach

i. Adopt-a-Family

1. \$50 limit on spending (reimbursed by GSC)
2. A wish list is available from the Alumni center
3. need volunteers to shop

ii. RMHD

1. Dinner on Dec 15th ~5:30 or 6:00pm
2. Menu hasn't been decided yet
3. maximum number of people ~25 staying there, but will check on the number of families ahead of time
4. Need people to make food and bring over (can be made ahead of time)

4. Announcements

a. Couples Enrichment Seminar

- i. Specifically designed for graduate students
- ii. Dec 1st and 8th – 7pm in Kirmayer
- iii. All graduate students are welcome

b. Stress Management Workshop

- i. Dec 1st – 4 to 5:30pm
- ii. RSVP required

c. Midwest Women in Medicine and Science

- i. Fairmont hotel Jan 16th and 17th; register by Dec 6th
- ii. \$90 for both days, \$25 for just Saturday

d. Next meeting – Dec 16th at noon

e. Travel Scholarships

- i. Available for anyone who is presenting research – up to \$550. The next deadline is 1-5-04. Will cover costs including travel, registration, fees, and per diem. All money is reimbursement based – receipts must be kept and turned in.

ii. Cannot be retroactive

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