

## GSC minutes for 10/18/01 meeting

### 1. Health Insurance—Dr. Dorothy Knoll, Dean of Students and Sarah Honeck

Dean Knoll talked to the GSC about concerns with the current health care plan and answered questions from members. Some of the items addressed are as follows:

- a. Separate policy for KU Med is being negotiated as a possibility for next year as a third option
  - a. Would not be subsidized by the state (Right now state is only subsidizing \$26 of the compressive plan)
  - b. Would be a better plan for spouses and children
  - c. Important issues to Dean Knoll about the third policy for KU Med
    - i. Pre-existing credible insurance clause
    - ii. \$1 million maximum instead of current \$250,000
    - iii. Prescription coverage (maybe a percentage or co-pay)
    - iv. Better for spouses/children
    - v. Affordable to students
- b. Students were encouraged to use Student Health as a gate-keeper to get a referral slip that would waive away the \$100 fee however this does not apply to spouses/dependents
- c. Student loans office can help with getting insurance costs for children
- d. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for turning in the verification form that you know you must have insurance the whole time you are here. They will be emailing a letter to students who have not turned this in. If they don't turn it in by Oct. 26 they will be turned over to their department for one last chance before starting the disenrollment procedure.
- e. State is with Student Resources for one more year and then will go back out to receive bids again
- f. Jacob Eastman, 1<sup>st</sup> year Medical student, will be sending out a broadcast email soliciting what students would like improved on the plan. He served on the Student Health Insurance Committee at the Lawrence campus.
- g. Liaison with Student Resources is Sarah Honeck ([shoneck@kumc.edu](mailto:shoneck@kumc.edu)) on the coverage problems. Students are encouraged to try to handle it themselves before coming to Sarah but she can help deal with some of the problems that don't seem to get resolved.
- h. KUMed has a self-selection insurance plan—you don't have to have the plan the State secures, you can choose another company.

### 2. SRF Leadership

This year it will not be run solely by one person. Mike VanSaun and Erica Johnsrud, along with Brian Hermann have stepped into some of the top leadership roles. Ramsey McIntire also expressed interest about working on a committee.

### 3. Student Health Fee Increase

SGC voted to approve it. The cost was increasing and without the fee increase there would be no student health.

### 4. Treasurer

Debby Larsen has stepped down as treasurer for the GSC. Her duties will be absorbed by the existing officers as no one volunteered to take over. Karen Stanze will send the reports to Erica Johnsrud.

### 5. Election of a new senator to SGC

One senator took a leave of absence from school and so a new senator needed to be appointed. Kathleen Friel agreed to step into that role and serve as a senator.

6. Department Representatives were appointed as follows:

Biochemistry—Susanna Harju  
Anatomy—Julie Carlsten  
Physiology—Brian Hermann  
Microbiology—  
Pathology—  
Pharm/Tox—

7. SGC activity update

Will be talked about at next meeting

8. Old Business—GSC operating budget for '01-'02

This year we have available ~\$6000

Next year we will have less than \$3000 coming in from fees.

In 2 years we will be in the red unless we do something now.

Allied Health Students want to have their fees given back to them. This sets us back ~\$750-900.

Possible ways to cut budget:

1. Student Travel Awards covered by someone else (\$1000 (less than 2 awards)). Scott Falke mentioned cutting them out as Graduate Studies office has never turned down an application because they ran out of money. Graduate Studies said applications numbers are down.
2. Remove \$1500 contribution to SRF.
3. Still thinking of other ways to cut costs.

9. New business

Biological Terrorism Program is set for Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>

Meet the Mentor day is Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Watch for announcements on email.

10. Next meeting

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001