



Graduate Student Council meeting 10-27-03

1. Meet-the-Mentor

- a. Program is being held Saturday, November 8th
- b. Sign up deadline has been extended – registration forms are due by tomorrow, October 28, 2003

2. Requests for the department representatives

- a. Attendance is expected at every meeting
- b. Print off and post minutes for students in the department as soon as they become available
- c. Keep lines of communication open between students in your department and GSC

3. KUMC International Outreach – Jane Jenab

- a. Girls in China – would like to incorporate into every year
 - i. New KUMC student group that was founded last year with a desire to do hands on good around the world
 - ii. Boys in China are allowed to continue their education, but not girls if the family runs out of money
 - iii. It costs \$150.00/year to fund one girl – last year the group funded three girls, and will continue to do so all the way through their high school graduation
 - iv. School of Medicine Class of 2007 added another two girls; the idea is to add two additional girls each year
 - v. The International Luncheon is the fundraiser and is held every semester – last time raised \$650.00

b. Medical Mission Foundation Trip

- i. Planning two trips, one to Belize and the other to Guatemala or Mexico; one will be in the spring and the other in June.
- ii. Trying to achieve continuity of quality through providing travel abroad and volunteer opportunities

iii. The Belize trip is estimated to cost approximately \$500.00 for airfare and \$15.00/day for housing (7 days) which comes out to be around \$800 - \$900 per person

iv. Looking to take 12 people; currently working/in contact with the Peace Corps to get this trip set up

v. Students don't have to be medical students in order to go

vi. The application process hasn't been completely decided yet, though there will be a written application and an application review board.

4. Ramsey read from Dr. Bast's e-mail about his meeting with the Student Affairs group where he stated that he and SA were very proud of the attitude the students involved with GSC have in regards to reaching out, both fiscally and with volunteering

5. Dr. Karen Cole and Dr. Mark Van Gorp discussed current changes in the library

a. Integration of ITC/ERC and A.R. Dykes Library has started

b. They are still looking for input from students for needs, wants, requests, etc.

c. Development of the 90-seat testing center

i. Looking at computer testing stations that have the screen recessed into desktop, possibly with a hinge system set up to lift the desktop

ii. This facility will be on the 1st floor of the renovated library

iii. A moveable wall is being looked into to divide the testing center in half (45/45 or 90) to allow more than one set of tests to go on at one time

iv. A new classroom (as well as study rooms) will be built

d. Wireless - potential for higher availability

i. There will be a raised floor on the first floor which will accommodate floor wiring and other such items

ii. All of the print items will be moved to the 2nd floor

iii. Currently moving an elevator and carpeting on the 2nd floor to make room for the compact shelving; the majority of the current seating is being moved to the 1st floor due to current construction

e. Study rooms will be remodeled to allow for a 15 and 8 person study room. Eight new rooms will be built on the 2nd floor (North side) which will be similar in size to those currently in the ERC.

f. There will be 30 laptops eventually available for checkout

g. Library hours extended to 11:00 pm Sunday through Thursday starting November 16, 2003 and will eventually go to a 24 x 7 format. Reference librarians will be available all hours the library is open beginning January 2004. The 24 x 7 will not necessarily be all 365 days (i.e. holidays, day after Thanksgiving etc)

i. accessibility to the public will be limited after a certain time. ID's will be required to access as well as exit the building

h. Printing and copying services will be improved. Duplex and color printing/copying as well as getting rid of the copy card system in favor of an alternate accounting system are top priorities

i. Currently the integration is in Phase 1; Phase 2 will begin next year and will be primarily construction and renovation. Supplemental funding will be required to get new furniture; once the carpet is all pulled up, there will be no new carpet until 2005

j. Each professional librarian now has a specific department or college he or she is responsible for to be engaged

with faculty and students

1. Question and answer session

- i. Contact Kevin McIntire (and Erin Archer) to find out who the representatives are as well as to provide input for new journal titles to be purchased. There is currently \$18,000 available for new journals - titles will be selected from those titles submitted by November 7th, 2003
- ii. Pre-1980 English language journals with zero use will be boxed up and kept until a home can be found (i.e., will still be available if needed)
- iii. All of the print collection will be available at all times when the library switches to the 24 x 7 format
- iv. Construction will be mainly done during the morning and early afternoon; one reason to provide extended hours is to allow more time for patrons that will be construction free. No construction will be done on Saturdays or Sundays.

6. Specific ideas to vote on (at next meeting) for financial contribution/community outreach

a. Ideas for **permanent** additions to the budget (Currently there is \$600.00/yr that is not allocated)

- i. Support one girl with the Girls in China program (\$150.00/yr)
 1. Will also vote to amending/changing the by-laws to prevent stopping funding before the girl finishes school
 2. There is no worry about finances falling through (i.e. budget cuts) as money could be easily covered by other departments and in other ways (skipping one meeting lunch, collect \$1 from people, etc)
 3. It was recognized that the \$150.00/yr may increase over time
 4. Will be voted on at next meeting
- ii. Ronald McDonald House
 1. Dinner dates scheduled tentatively December 15th and 22nd with the possibility of adding another date
 2. Will be voted on at next meeting to increase funding by \$50/yr
- iii. School supplies for kids - summer dispersal will be needed
 1. Will be voted on at next meeting to contribute \$75/yr

b. Ideas for **one-time** contributions with excess GSC money

- i. Adopt-a-family (amount decided on yearly basis)
 1. Will vote at next meeting to increase to \$200 for this year
- ii. 2004 Medical Mission Trip
 1. Funding could be used for airfare, medical supplies, etc.
 2. There were concerns about use of graduate student fee money to pay for funding of primarily non-graduate students. It was suggested that if this money is allocated that it is indicated that it is preferred/recommended that the money go to primarily supplies

3. Will vote on at next meeting to contribute \$1000.00

c. United Way of Wyandotte County

- i. Goal to improve overall quality of life for kids in the county
- ii. Very easily can contribute financially as well as by volunteering time; their brochure lists several groups that can use volunteers

d. (Re)Development of the Outreach Committee

- i. Ramsey would like to reintroduce the Outreach Committee and has offered to chair this committee for the next two years to see that it gets off the ground

The GSC annual picnic was briefly mentioned (due to lack of time). GSC executive board would like to make this year's picnic a much bigger event and would like more student as well as faculty/staff involvement. Some of the extra GSC money could go to help adequately fund this ev