



## Graduate Student Council Minutes

14 October 2005 (1025 Orr-Major)

Present: *Schulze, Ollison, Newport, Rawitch, Jones, McIntire, Randhawa, Gaddam, Heade, McCauley, Thomas, So, Rook, Gandhi, Ojong, Koch, Fried, Powell, Reed*

### I. Treasurer Nomination / Election

- a. The position of treasurer is now vacant. Natalie asked if there were any volunteers to take the position. Nobody volunteered. Anyone interested should contact Natalie.

### II. SRF update

- a. George Thomas gave an update on the progress of the SRF planning. The Fairmont Hotel has been reserved for the forum banquet. No deposit has been made, but the date has been reserved in our name. Requests for volunteers for SRF positions will be sent out in the next few weeks
- b. Kevin McIntire self-nominated himself for the position of website committee chairperson.
- c. Dr. Rawitch asked if SRF committee had looked into the Fairmont menu. George replied that we do not have a contract with the Fairmont, only a reservation for the date.
- d. Christina Newport asked if any planning meetings had been scheduled. George replied that he would like to fill the committee chairs before having a meeting. Christina suggested that having a meeting would stimulate interest in the chair positions.
- e. Kevin McIntire asked about the budget for this year. George mentioned that although there is no

official budget, the SRF committee would attempt to stay within the guidelines set by the previous forums

- f. Dr. Rawitch asked about a keynote speaker. George said that none have been identified yet, but it was a high priority. Natalie said that Suma Gaddam (speaker chair) would be sending a broadcast in the next few days requesting speaker nominations.

### III. Funding Requests

- a. The following groups had representatives present to request funding from the GSC.
  - i. MPSH: \$100
  - ii. American College of Healthcare Executives: \$300 for a speaker and to contribute to the cost of sending individuals to a national meeting.
    1. Dr. Rawitch mentioned the availability of the Graduate Studies Travel Award for such purposes.
- b. Kevin McIntire motioned to give \$50 to both groups. Jerri Rook seconded the motion. Motion passes by a count of 9 yes to 1 no. Both MPSH and ACHE will receive \$50 each for fall funding. GSC has now exhausted its \$500 funding for the fall semester.

### IV. Ronald McDonald House

- a. Danyelle McCauley reminded us for the need for volunteers to help with the Ronald McDonald house dinner (Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm). There is a \$100 budget for dinner. Contact Danyelle at [bmccauley@kumc.edu](mailto:bmccauley@kumc.edu) for more information about volunteering.

### V. SGC Explanation

- a. Confusion exists about the differences between SGC and GSC. Natalie reviewed the organization of the student groups. Natalie also mentioned the need for SGC alternates so that the GSC representation would be 100% at each meeting. Christina Newport, Kevin McInitre, and Joseph So agreed to act as alternates for current senators.
- b. Josh Powell suggested that GSC meeting reminders sent via e-mail also include dates for SGC meetings in case individuals are not on the SGC mailing list. Josh and Natalie also suggested cleaning up the e-mails to avoid excessive wordiness.

### VI. Winter Party

- a. Natalie asked if the GSC would be interested in sponsoring a winter party. Christina Newport asked if funds were available. Natalie replied that there were. Josh Powell volunteered to help Natalie plan the meeting. The party will most likely be held some time after finals are over.

VII. New Business

a. No new business.

VIII. Adjourned

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