

## GSC Meeting Minutes October 6, 2008

In Attendance: Emily McDonald, Ozan Kumru, Brittany Gorres, Elizabeth Dille, Natasha Curry, Megan Dunn, Meghan Patni, Andy Wu, Ji-Hyuk Park, Kristina Wittenborn, Phranil Mehta

Emily presented the meeting agenda: 1) Position Openings 2) Updates

### 1) Position Openings

- a. Student Governing Council Senators – Emily McDonald and Megan Dunn explained the role of senators and SGC. Natasha Currey and Kristina Wittenborn volunteered as Allied Health representatives. School of Nursing still needs two representatives. Callie Ballenger expressed interest in the Nursing position via e-mail but was unable to attend the October GSC meeting.
- b. Committee Representatives – Emily McDonald strongly encouraged people to represent the two travel award committees for Graduate Student Travel award through SUC and Graduate Studies. Dean Rawitch strongly encourages students to get involved (as told by Emily McDonald).

### 2) Updates

- a. Emily McDonald attended the Graduate Council Meeting in Manhattan with Dean Rawitch. The meeting was mostly concerned with the approval/disapproval of courses.
- b. Emily McDonald attended the EVC meeting with Dr. Atkinson. Dr. Atkinson strongly encouraged the student groups to promote the upcoming election. Dr. Atkinson reminded the leaders that there will be a vote in Johnson County about the approval of a new clinical research facility for KUMed in Olathe
- c. Emily McDonald attended the Student Leader Meeting. Furniture for outside the library has been ordered and should arrive soon. Emily reminded everyone that there is free coffee and tea for all students in the student center. Emily reminded everyone to use the facility responsibly and there have been issues of theft.
  - i. Phranil Mehta requested that someone be notified about the broken pool sticks, the missing billiard balls and the lack of chalk for pool players. Emily said she would pass the information along to the appropriate people.
- d. Emily McDonald attended the meeting for Capitol Research Day. The Research Day will occur sometime in April. KUMed will have more positions this year (6-8) for posters. GSC would like to have representatives from each school. Emily asked for everyone to think about how to pick the posters. Should we have an abstract submission, invite winners from SRF, etc. The Research Day involves researchers from all 4 Kansas State schools. Legislatures and lobbyist will be present.

### 3) Department Updates

- a. Occupational Therapy – No new information to report from Kristina Wittenborn
- b. Anatomy Department – Megan Dunn said the IGPBS interaction went well
- c. Physical Therapy – Natasha Curry reported that 2<sup>nd</sup> year students are on rotation. They held a Barbeque in September that went well. They are holding a Research Day on November 20<sup>th</sup> where 3<sup>rd</sup> year PT students will present and there will also be a Career Fair.
- d. Microbiology – Ozan Kumru reported that Microbiology Department will be holding a seminar on Tuesdays and Thursdays this fall. A list of speakers can be found on the Microbiology Department Website. Students and Postdoc's will present 20-40 minute progress reports.
- e. Physiology Department – Elizabeth Dille reported that the IGP interaction went well. Physiology also held a lunch for the new students and a departmental barbeque, all went well.

### 4) Student Research Forum

- a. Emily McDonald and Ozan Kumru expressed a need for more volunteers. Positions are open that require all levels of participation.

- b. Emily McDonald announced that Martin Pera from USC will be the invited speaker. His research focuses on pluripotent stem cells. SRF will be held April 9-10<sup>th</sup>, the workshop will be held on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The next SRF organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

5) GSC Social

- a. The last social at Jaywalkers went well.
- b. Ideas for future socials include: KU game watch party, a joint social with IDC and a possible election watch party.

6) The next meeting will be November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Same time and location. Room is already reserved.

7) Emily McDonald adjourned the meeting.