

Graduate Student Council Meeting September 13, 2000

Minutes:

Brian Herman motioned to approve the minutes read from the August 1, 2000 meeting and Michelle Muessel seconded.

Discussion:

A. Dr. Rawitch and Travel Grant Applications

Dr. Rawitch, the Dean of Graduate Studies, discussed the application selection process for the Graduate Student Travel Scholarships. They are awarded four times a year from a specific amount of money given to the travel committee. He wanted to dispel assumptions that Student Research Forum (SRF) participants always get a travel award if they apply.

Dr Rawitch stated that Graduate Studies is interested in getting money to students for the purpose of going to meetings. However, Travel scholarships are competitively based awards and a number of factors are considered including participation in SRF and writing a reasonable and understandable application.

Dr. Rawitch wanted the graduate students to know that not all individuals receive funding and the date of an upcoming conference is not a consideration on whether a person receives funding or not. Dr. Bast also stated that there were students that did not receive funding when he was involved in issuing scholarships. Students are allowed one application per meeting and they can reapply for funding for the same meeting if funding is not awarded the first time.

Sometimes the monetary amount of individual travel awards is less to allow more individuals to get funding for meetings. However the Travel Committee does rank competitive proposals and the most competitive proposal may receive more than lower ranked proposals.

(Htet Khant stated that the application does state that a clear concise proposal must be written. Gerald Call stated that the Travel Grant application process provided by Graduate Studies at KU Med is a privilege because some schools require students to apply for their own grants or use personal funding to finance scientific meeting attendance.)

B. Student Research Form -- Brian Hermann

Dr. Jim Wilson, Director of Gene Therapy at the University of Pennsylvania has confirmed that he will come and speak at SRF 2001.

The Banquette and Speaker committees still need to be filled. Please Contact Brian at bhermann@kumc.edu if you are interested in filling one of those positions.

The next SRF meeting will be Thursday, November 30, 2000. An email will be sent out closer to time. Don't forget SRF is April 4th 2001.

C. GSC Committees

1. Pulse Development: Susanna Harju is currently the head of this committee and would like someone to take over updating minutes, the main page and Grad Forum on -line chat and publicizing it. Also need someone to help with the All School Web board. Contact Susanna at sharju@kumc.edu if you know someone who would be interested.
2. SGC representatives to attend meetings 1-2 hours on Thursday afternoons to keep SGC voice and voting eligibility. Kathleen Friel, Brian Hermann and Julie Carlsten. Kellie McQueen will be the alternate GSC officer if Julie or Susanna cannot go. Please forward alternate names to Susanna if current representative cannot go so she can let the SGC officers know who is eligible to vote. We still need one Nursing and Allied Health graduate student as an SGC representative.
3. Student Health Committee: Trying to coordinate someone from each school to do something for the spring.
4. Technology Committee: This committee determines how the Technology student fee is spent. Gerald Call will continue to be our GSC representative. Still need one more person, uncertain if Matt Ackerman will remain as a representative from last year.
5. Student Wellness: We had no representative last year and still do not have a volunteer.
6. Travel Fund: Htet Khant will continue as representative.
7. SEAD: No one has volunteer as a representative yet.
8. Street Fair Committee: (Street Fair occurs in the spring and will need volunteers for booths. It was thought this fair may be pushed to fall to occur with the Rolesdale parade) No representative so far.
9. Interdisciplinary Committee: No representative so far. Please contact Krystyn Riddle at kriddle@kumc.edu if interested.
10. Student Center Renovation Committee: Still planning the design or layout. Not sure how much more input needed because shooting for Dec. 2000 completion date. Dr. Bast stated that student feedback determined the layout of the current student center renovations in the study areas and game rooms.

11. Kirmayer Steering Committee: Jena Steinle will continue as representative.
12. Departmental Representatives: In place so if contact needs to be made with students from a specific department. Reps will hang up signs for meetings and Graduate Studies needs a departmental contact.
 - i. Anatomy--Mike VanSaun
 - ii. Biochemistry--Susanna Harju
 - iii. Pathology--Susanna wants to ask Yue Xue possibly
 - iv. Microbiology--Debby Larsen
 - v. Pharmacology--Susanna wants to ask Janette Padgitt
 - vi. Physiology--Kathleen Friel
 - vii. IGPBS--Susanna confirmed by email that Erica Johnsrud will be representative.
 - viii. Hearing and Speech
 - ix. Nursing
 - x. Dietetics and Nutrition
 - xi. Physical Therapy

(viii through xi : Karen Stanze is suppose to give Susanna Harju contact names to find representatives for these departments)

D. Other business

Approved next meeting date: Thursday Oct. 12, 2000; 12:00pm MRRC Conference Room.

Dr. Bast asked if there was anything lacking from the Graduate Student curriculum. Michelle Muessel stated that we did not have a good statistics course. Dr. Bast asked that we brainstorm our concerns on courses and send it to Dr. Rawitch. SRF Workshop: Theingi Thway would like people to bring more ideas for workshop topics to next GSC meeting.

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Ext.</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Department</u>
Joe Bast	6219	jbast	Graduate Studies
Gerald Call	7418	gcall	Physiology
Julie Carlsten	2723	jcarlsten	Anatomy
Susanna Harju	5447	sharju	Biochemistry
Brian Hermann	7488	bhermann	Physiology
Kathleen Friel	7394	kfriel	Physiology
Htet Khant	7887	hkhant	Physiology
Debby Larsen	7014	dlarsen	Microbiology
Kellie McQueen	5447	kmcqueen	Biochemistry
Michelle Muessel	2732	mmuessel	Anatomy
Michael Taylor	2723	mtaylor1	Anatomy
Theingi Thway	7418	tthway	Physiology
Mike VanSaun	7491	mvansaun	Anatomy
Shalmica Williams	7432	swilliams2	Physiology
Angela Wilson		awilson1	Anatomy
Karen Rodriguez	5241	krodrigu	Graduate Studies
Karen Stanze	1238	kstanze	Graduate Studies