

**GSC General meeting minutes**

**4/12/12**

**President Juan Martinez opens session**

**Dean Deanna**, thank you to reps and officers. Officers have set a good tone for student involvement and participation.

**Juan** - thanks to Dean Deanna for help and support.

**Officer's reports**

**Office of the President**

Missing point - 2 minutes prior

Remodeling spaces - campus, west side (eating area)

Ken Thomas - tuition increase did not sky rocket for health professionals

**Office of the Vice-president**

GSC end of the year party announcement

Thanks to GSC committees for their help.

**Office of the Treasurer**

New cycle for travel awards - students presenting in the summer have to apply on and after May 1st. online reimbursement system collaboration with GC to improve time to obtain awards. For this quarter 51 students in the waitlist, so please Martha - Anatomy and cell biology: This waitlist apply only for this quarter not for next semester right? The only time you are not eligible for travel award is when you already applied for it. Otherwise, we try to give up as many awards as possible.

Neurophysics: How much would it cover? Will be decided this meeting.

GSC budget:

Physics (lady): Anybody can apply for the awards? First come first serve basis. Will get the award when come back from presentation.

Proposal: Reduce officers' honoraria by \$50, and cut two project awards. Give up 34 more travel awards by reducing \$25 per award for existing awards.

Melissa (History): All project awards were given last year? Yes.

Juan: We need to keep track of project awards by year, and next GSC officers need to keep this into mind.

Pharmacognocny: Can we revise the criteria to give travel awards? Yash, must discuss as a group. But personally feel we have a good system in place, but may be we can educate students of how/when to apply.

Juan: We can talk about the requirements, it is up to us. WE can create a committee on reevaluate these awards, we just need to organize.

Melissa: Can we cut from social committee? Our perception is that the idea is to reach out as many graduate students as possible because this money comes from their fees, as oppose to a particular department organizing a conference.

Juan: Over the summer time, GSC should revise this.

Yash: Again a lot of options we have to organize the budget as we want it.

Juan: Propose to vote on the budget.

Harish: what criteria to increase travel awards? almost 100 more applications this year.

Dean Deanna: A change in the middle of the fiscal year may raise questions? Yash: Previous years affect April 30th and after. Just needs to be communicated to students.

(Phil): This has not been an issue in the past. Propose to move on a vote on proposals or create a committee to discuss.

Yash: Puts forward a motion to vote on two proposals.

First version: \$300 per award (7 ays) (28 nays) Motion fails.

Second version: \$275 per award (30 ays) (5 nays) Motion passes.

Second proposal on how to distribute awards:

Anderson (art history): Can we see the distribution for this year again? Yes.

Nichole (Ed psych): Is this distribution always like this? Yes, usually.

Jonathan Poore (English): What is the criteria for eligibility? Students waitlisted get first chance on next cycle, but must claim within 60 days.

Motion to equal distribution: (40 ays) (1 nay) (1 abstention). Motion passed.

Juan: Next year hopefully we can create a QA to answer any doubts regarding travel awards.

### **Committee reports:**

Marie Elena Brett - UIC Faculty Senate: Nobel Laureate summit.

Fiscal year for next year will not be affected as much but in the future it will be by performance metrics, big discussion. Lab school (High School in UIC) had a good amount of students going into college.

### ***Elections:***

Adriana: Would we know if they want to run for other positions? Juan: Good question, here it is.

### **Elections for vice-president.**

Engin (Chemistry)

Martha: What is your strategy for get more people to join committees?

Know who is in the committees first, and explain what are the events.

Marie Elena: He did a lot of good work this year and Engin will be a great asset.

Nilesh (Electrical engineering).

Harish: As part as the academic committee what was your work? Dissertation and IRB workshops, but they did not work out for logistical reasons. Also, as part as the library committee kept inform GSC about this committee initiatives.

**Engin (Elected Vice-president)**

**Elections for Secretary:**

Qiana:

How would you connect with other depts? E-mail and promotion by list serve

Are you a full time nurse? No, work 6 shifts every 6 weeks.

Any information for proof reading? Yes, will forward information.

Any information for discounts? SSB, East campus

**Qiana elected as secretary**

**Election for President**

Byron

What committees were you involved this year? Mainly the social committee, but also fulfill the duties of GSC Secretary.

The vision I have for GSC this oncoming year is to engage for GSC reps into coordinating activities through the different committees. Also, it would be great to connect GSC to the different organizations across campus and in the community to collaborate and coordinate events.

**Byron elected President**

**Elections for Treasurer**

Yash

How would the new system for travel awards work? Coordinate with the graduate college to improve it.

**Yash elected Treasurer.**

**Appreciation recognition to:**

Nilesh, Marie Elena, Engin, Vanessa, Yuhui, Virginia Chu, Janice Acosta, Gabriela Grossa, and Wil for their service to GSC during this year!

**Project award:**

Pharmacy Administration. Jeffrey Johnson talk on diabetes treatment and cancer risks (quality of life). Need to cover lunch for 90 students in college of Pharmacy.

Marie Elena: How would you promote it? By mass e-mail and GSC list serve.

Harish: How much you are asking for? Full amount.

(40 ays) Motion passes to give the award.

**Announcements:**

Virginia Chu: Collection drive for person hygiene items. Collection bins are located SCE and SCW and almost every hall on campus.

Luisa (Anthropology): Metra discount proposal extension in student senate.

Juan: Please send us an e-mail.

Meeting adjourns.