



## **General Assembly minutes, December 4th, 2008**

### **1. Call to convene and welcome- Jimmy Harris**

Sarah Swerdlow (Pathology) won the \$15 gift card for participating in the GSS Rewards Program. To enter the next drawing, BBC [gssrewards@case.edu](mailto:gssrewards@case.edu) when sending emails to your constituents.

### **2. University Planning and Uptown Project Forum review- Jimmy Harris**

Plans are being made to construct a new University Student Center by KSL library which will have space designated for GSS; possible fees may result and will be addressed in the future. The Uptown project will convert the Triangle buildings to commercial (Barnes & Noble) and living space (apartments and condos that will be available to grad students). Ideas for Spring Semester forums should be mailed to Jimmy Harris.

### **3. Kelvin Smith Library Strategic Plan- Karen Oye & Brian Gray**

KSL representatives want grad feedback and suggestions for improvements to the library (email Karen Oye or Brian C. Gray with your suggestions). Current services include the ASKSL link on the main page for help & classes on a variety of tech topics. Future services will include a journal article scanning service for grads, a library use handbook for grads (a faculty one is currently available) that will detail services/policies/suggestions, and a single search engine that will eliminate the need for database searching. See the ppt slides for more information.

### **4. New Sexual Harassment Policy- Sue Nickel-Schindewolf & Patricia Higgins**

An updated Sexual Harassment Policy (previously emailed to senators for their review) will soon be presented to President Snyder for her endorsement. The updated version provides an Administrative Process that does not require a full Board to assemble and a Complaint Process to clarify the steps involved in a case of harassment (see ppt slides for more info). Please email Sue with feedback on the proposed policy ([sgn@case.edu](mailto:sgn@case.edu)).

### **5. Recording Secretary Vote and Executive Position Vacancies- Chris Roberts**

Jeremy Marvel was the only nominee for the Recording Secretary position; a motion to vote was made and seconded. Vote was held (19 for, 0 against, 1 abstention) and Jeremy

was confirmed in his new position. There are two vacancies on the exec board for Medical Sciences and Professional Programs. Contact Chris Roberts with nominations.

6. Recognized Organizations- Danny Anderson

PINO (chemical engineering group) and PSNA (nurses association) were inadvertently left off the list of organizations recognized by the GSS. Motion to recognize both organizations was made and seconded. Vote was held (21 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions).

7. Mentor Survey Report- Craig Rudick

Craig presented a sampling of the results obtained from the mentoring survey held last year and reviewed some of the recommendations the committee has generated (see ppt slides for detailed information, also available on GSS website). Work on a Mentee Handbook will begin soon. A motion to endorse the Report was made and seconded. Vote was held (23 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.)

8. Upcoming events and committees- Chris Roberts

Happy Hour is on Thursdays at the Jolly Scholar (formerly Wackadoos) from 5-7pm. A professional development seminar on public speaking will be held on Monday (December 8<sup>th</sup>) at 5:30 pm. Also on Monday, the Bier Markt and Bar Cento will donate 15% of your tab to the Cleveland Food Bank when you show Case ID. Check your email for further information on these and other upcoming events.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 1pm.