

GSC Minutes: 5/11/05

Old Business:

Secretary's Report (Heather):

Heather read minutes from previous meeting, which were approved.

Treasurer's Report (Jessica):

Jessica is unsure of the current balance, as she recently received the Treasurer's folder, and the checkbook has not been balanced since January. She will e-mail GSC members when balance is known.

Fundraising: At the bar night at O'Neil's we sold 48 cups for \$98.25. There are 370 cups remaining in the 3rd floor storage.

V.P Report (Jon):

Post-doc seminar: So far no post-docs have submitted abstract for the summer lecture series. A reminder e-mail will be sent out on Monday 5/16. If no post-docs respond, we may possibly ask faculty members to give talks during the summer. Discussed the possibility of asking six, one from each field of chemistry. Possibilities included Jeff, Jerome, and Dr. Trindle.

Heather will e-mail Lori Nicolaysen (career services) to see if she is willing to give a talk this summer about careers in chemistry, networking, etc.

SIS Report (Heather):

Medicinal subcommittee: We still are unsure if we have a slot in the colloquia for next year as the faculty committee has not meet in months. Patrick will talk to Dr. Marshall about bringing it up at the next faculty meeting.

President's Report (Heather):

GSAS updates: GSAS has a new president (Gavin). They have to spend \$26,000 (plus fall money) or else they will loose it. They are thinking about funding summer IM leagues, concerts, formals, graduate student space in Newcomb, etc. The honor committee is considering having a representative from each department. There is a barbeque at McIntire Park on 5/29 for graduate students. They have reserved Starr Hill again for a Halloween party in the fall. Health insurance is being raised to \$1825/person. However, there are drops in deductibles/fees. The GSAS research exhibit was a success.

Incoming students: There are 37 incoming graduate students in the fall. This number may increase to as many as 40. Heather will send them an e-mail welcoming them, rather than sending packets in the mail.

New Business:

Summer Picnics:

The first summer picnic will be held 6/14/05 from 11-1. Rain date is 6/15. We will sell T-shirts at the picnic, as last year Dr. Demas bought them for the REU students.

Clothing Drive:

We will hold a clothing drive the week of 5/31-6/3. Jessica will drive the clothes to the Salvation Army at the end of the drive.

Website Updates:

The website needs previous minutes posted, as well as the results from the poll.

Extra Chemistry Cups:

We discussed holding the first year party in August at a bar (Biltmore?). We would give a cup to the incoming 1st year class, as well as tickets for two free drinks. The current 1st year class would be asked to give some money to pay for the incoming class. All other students would need to purchase a cup, but would receive the drink special (\$1 beer).

Halloween party:

There was some interest to hold this year's Halloween party in conjunction with the Medical School at Jon's house.