**GSA Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**November 9TH, 11:30-12:30PM, DRC1 1005**

1. Tyler Scherr, Ph.D., UNeMed

Tyler and Catherine Murari Kanti from UNeMed urged students to contact them if they had an invention as they would help them in assessing the potential of licensing or patenting. Nick and Eli had questions about the royalty and cost of licensing which were answered by Catherine.

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1. Elections
	1. Grievance Committee
		1. Female not in PharmSci, BMB, or GCBA.
2. GSA Officer Updates
	1. Interprofessional Education (IPE) (Ethan)
	2. Social events (Swagat and Alisha)
3. Halloween Havoc Recap
4. Holiday Cookie Competition- December 15TH
	1. Alumni Networking Event (Nick)
	2. International Events
		1. Return of Breaking Barriers- Boss proposal for breaking barriers from Dec to march has been approved. Any volunteers for December, January, and February?
		2. Thanksgiving Table Sharing-Sign-up by November 17TH
	3. Wellness (Aneesha)- update on intramurals
	4. Outreach (Eli)- Eli talked about child life services superhero party
5. Miscellaneous Announcements (Tayla)
6. Halloween Around the World Summary- organized by a public health student
7. Change of Advisor Policy-Still waiting to hear from each program.
8. Graduate Studies Strategic Planning Committees
	1. College Level Assessment/Universal Core Competencies
	2. Program Level Evaluation
	3. Data and Metrics Management and Utilization
9. Town Hall Summary: Tayla took the Town Hall meeting concerns to the faculty and they gave their feedback.
	1. IGPBS
		1. The journal club articles were the basis of Nobel prize winning work and have stood the test of time. They teach the fundamentals and demonstrate the evolution of science. Once a student commits, the programs journal club will have more recent papers. Also, students are encouraged to submit papers for the end of the course, which can be recent. To date no students have submitted any.
		2. Course time and testing method is based on a personal preference and will never please all.
		3. Please address any concerns and ideas you have to better your learning experience in the course evaluation.
	2. Journal Club
		1. They understood why we don’t like it during this time, but said it was the best since regular classes aren’t offered over the lunch.
		2. I would suggest that your program student representative brings this up when they meet with the graduate committee of the program since not all programs hold it over the lunch hour.
		3. Faculty were pleased that students desired to attend seminars and other activities.
	3. Buffett Cancer Center
		1. The temperature is currently associated with the lights so function one an occupancy sensor. They are trying to untangle these to improve.
		2. The vending machine is currently located by the 5th floor elevator. Is there a more convenient location?
		3. Only students in Eppley labs and labs that moved in to the cancer center were on a master list to be granted access. Requests for access should be made to Barb Cajka.
		4. Security and Dr. Cowan have had many discussions regarding adding badge access from outside to the stairwell; however, still do not favor this option. Julie was seeking an update.
		5. Report any elevator issues or incidents to Julie Sommer.
	4. The café in the Buffett Cancer Center does not recognize the student discount. I am still waiting to hear if this can be changed.
	5. The concerns and ideas regarding the comprehensive exam will be discussed in the Strategic Planning Comprehensive Committee.
10. Badge Program will be taken over by Dr. Kendra Schmid in January so we will address those concerns at that time.
11. EMPOWER Its on Us Week
	1. Ryan Sallas: Monday, MSC 2018, Noon
	2. Addressing Refugee Trauma and Abuse: Thursday, MSC 2014, Noon
12. Professional Development Seminars; November 16TH-Remember fellowship awardees must attend at least three.
13. Convocation-December 14TH
14. Student Senate Student Impact Award-Due December 30TH
15. Student Senate Distinguished Mentor Award and Student Senate Distinguished Teacher Award-Due December 30TH
16. Reminder to read weekly emails.
17. December meeting will be the first Thursday, December 7TH due to convocation.
	1. Speaker will be Emily Glenn from the library.