

**GSO Meeting  
November 9, 2009**

**I. Approval of Minutes**

1. Rowena Mariano.
2. Jenny Offen.

**II. Officer Reports**

*A. President – Jen Baxter*

1. GSO calendar & GSO Blackboard site. If you want access to the GSO Blackboard site, email Jen Baxter at [jbaxte2@uic.edu](mailto:jbaxte2@uic.edu)
2. Sponsored food for the Hektoen Institute presentation. It was very well attended.
3. Halloween Party: Thanks to those who volunteered. It was a huge success! Send pictures from the party to Lex ([bwatta2@uic.edu](mailto:bwatta2@uic.edu)).
4. All graduate students are welcome to use the computers in Rm. 1139.
5. Take Care of Yourself Week: Free massages November 18<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.

*B. Vice President – Naomi Twigg*

1. Inquiring about volunteering at the Chicago Food Depository.
2. Clothing Donation: Place all donations in the box located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the College of Nursing by the main elevators.

*C. Treasurer – Jenny Offen*

1. Presented 2009-2010 GSO budget.
2. Graduate Organization Fund: \$400 available every semester for a fundraising event. If we wanted to participate, we would have to donate \$25 as an application fee.

*D. Graduate Student Council (GSC) Representative – Anne Fink/Yoko Shimpuku*

1. Absent.

*E. Research Committee – Anne*

1. The committee is reviewing abstracts submitted for the MNRS poster competition. The committee has not received a list of selected students.

*F. Health Professional Student Council (HPSC) – Nusara/Jane*

1. Project Grant will be voted on next meeting November 19 – be prepared to stay a little bit longer; we will be reading, discussing and voting on project grants; due date is 11/14/09 by email only.
2. AMA showdown- 11/4/09 6-9pm at SCW Fitness Center; will raise money for the community health clinics; various athletic events will be available; signup is \$5 per event; email [tcohn2@uic.edu](mailto:tcohn2@uic.edu) if interested; pass along HPSC email sent out by Jennifer to respective colleges.
3. Fall Social Results- Fall social was a lot of fun; thanks for everyone who came out; email Tommy with any ideas for Spring Semester Social

4. Travel Grants Explanation- forward email to respective colleges; due 12/7/09 by email only. Project Grants Explanation- forward email to respective colleges; due 11/14/09 by email only.
5. Attendance Policy- please make sure two representatives to each meeting; first time is a warning, after that a fee will be charged to the respective college; if you cannot attend a meeting, make sure to send a proxy.
6. College Reports
  - a. College of Applied Health Sciences- 11/14/09 Turkey Trot from 730-1130am at PEB by the soccer fields; please bring canned goods for donations; open to all UIC students
  - b. College of Dentistry- Research Day 2/3/10
  - c. College of Medicine- AMA showdown 11/4/09
  - d. College of Pharmacy- SFRC this week
  - e. Graduate College of Nursing- Halloween event coming up; Wellness days coming up; please forward Wellness Day email to respective colleges
  - f. School of Public Health- no report
  - g. Undergraduate College of Nursing- Breast Cancer Walk last weekend; homeless shelter volunteering for Thanksgiving; blood drive last Monday, adopting a local family for the holidays; proposed adopting a less fortunate family for the holiday season; group voted on adopting a family; Jennifer will send HPSC more information as it comes.
  - h. University Medical Student Council- 60+ people attended Leadership Retreat; LCMA accreditation coming soon.

*G. Senate Representative– Srisuda Ngamkham*

1. H1N1 vaccine
2. Excellent teaching grant was awarded to UIC. \$55 million will go toward programs on how teach in the community.
3. Senate website, <http://www.uic.edu/depts/senate/>

*H. PhD Committee Representative – Rachel Kay Eccles*

1. No updates.

*I. Advanced Practice Curriculum (APC) Committee – Lin Zhao*

1. Reviewed and passed October 5, 2009 meeting summary.
2. NUSC 528 Course Revision—revision to the syllabus.
3. Policy for GEP (and BSN) students who do not get license before.
4. Beginning master's program--students are encouraged to take NCLEX as early as they can.
5. Student charting at UICMC--need to be cosigned and revise the author name
6. Issues with online testing--big issue, but didn't get time to discuss more

*J. Admissions – Jenny Offen*

1. No meeting since last GSO meeting.

*K. International Representative – Yi-Ching Li*

1. Will send out email to international community.
2. Visiting scholar.
3. Korea – Continue to work with Korean officials to develop Centers for Medicaid and Medicare healthcare system. Korea officials visited UIC CON last spring.

*L. Webmaster – Boontuan Wattanakul (Lex)*

1. New pictures have been uploaded to the GSO website.
2. Send pictures from the Halloween party to Lex.
3. If you have difficulties finding the GSO website or navigating the website, contact Lex, [bwatta2@uic.edu](mailto:bwatta2@uic.edu).
4. GSO website, [http://www2.uic.edu/stud\\_orgs/gso.con/](http://www2.uic.edu/stud_orgs/gso.con/)

*M. Immediate Past President – Rowena Mariano*

1. No report.

### **III. Old Business**

**A. Take Care of Yourself Day**

1. Yoga session on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Sigma Theta Tau is paying for the yoga instructor (\$250 for 1.5 hours). Jen will reserve exercise room at the gym. (\$60 for room). Will take place from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. GSO will provide water; e-mail Jen Baxter to sign-up.
2. Health Fair on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Will be located in the CON lobby from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Seven tables confirmed: 1). Free massages (10 minutes per massage). Sign-up sheet will be available. Massages were donated by the Wellness Center; 2). Fitness Center; 3). Counseling Center: information will be provided; 4). Dr. Covedde is a master reiki healer; 5). Campus Care: information about student health insurance coverage; 6). Acupuncture clinic: information will be provided; 7). GSO table: distribution of healthy snacks and water.
3. Campus Safety Presentation on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 12 – 1 p.m. Carol Petersen from the Wellness Center will be presenting useful information on how to protect yourself on campus. Presentation will be held in Rm. 165 in the CON. Lunch will be provided.

**B. Chicago Food Depository**

1. CFD contacted; waiting to hear back from them.

**C. December Graduates**

1. Jen will contact Chris Ocampo and/or Clare Delaney.

### **IV. New Business**

A. Online Class Outreach: generate 5-10 questions related to online classes to survey the graduate nursing student body.

1. Select full-time or part-time program.
2. How many online classes have you taken in your graduate program at UIC?
3. How much time do you spend with online classes compared to traditional classes?
4. What do you like about online classes?
5. How accessible is faculty? If you have problem, who can you contact?
6. How organized and user friendly are the Blackboard sites?
7. What are the benefits to online classes?
8. If you had a choice, would you pick online classes or traditional classes?
9. Comments

B. Travel Grants

1. Discuss changes after meeting. Rolling deadline; \$200 award/semester.
2. You can apply for both, GSO and HPSC, travel awards. Indicate on the application that you sought funding from other organizations.

C. Next meeting

1. January 2010; to be announced.