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FROM: CENTRAL GROUP ON STUDENT AFFAIRS (CGSA) National Meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) of October 29, 1986 (New Orleans, Louisiana)

CALL TO ORDER: JOHN MOLIDOR, Chair of the CGSA, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: JOHN MOLIDOR introduced and welcomed a new member of the CGSA: WILLIAM L. PANCOE, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Creighton University School of Medicine.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MICHAEL RAINEY, Vice Chair of the CGSA presented the previously distributed minutes of #85/86-02 (Detroit, MI). The minutes were approved as distributed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MICHAEL RAINEY presented the treasurer's report indicating that there is a current balance of $5260.91 in an interest bearing account in the First National Bank of Springfield (IL).

GENERAL REPORTS:

CHAIR: JOHN B. MOLIDOR reviewed the current CGSA committee structure of three committees (Student Affairs, Admissions and Financial Aid) and the Minority Affairs Section which parallels the structure of the national GSA. He also indicated that the CGSA Steering Committee was counting on each of these groups for input into the upcoming Spring Regional Meeting.

CHAIR ELECT: GERRY R. SCHERMERHORN summarized plans for the Spring Regional Meeting in Minneapolis on May 3-6, 1987. This will be a joint meeting with CAAHP and OSR. The theme will be "Counseling and Advising". A new feature of this meeting will be the First CGSA Project Forum. Call for Proposals were handed out and will be mailed to all CGSA members. Members of CAAHP, OSR and others are encouraged to submit proposals. Gerry will be sending out additional program information in the near future. There was also a discussion about scheduling and coordination problems with the Central Group of Medical Education in attempting to arrange a joint meeting in Spring, 1987.

VICE CHAIR: MICHAEL RAINEY briefly outlined plans for the Spring Regional Meeting in Chicago on April 17-20, 1988. It was noted that the Steering Committee had recommended exploring the possibility of meeting in Chicago in even years and in other cities on odd years. No site has been selected. Suggestions for a meeting theme should be submitted to Michael who will poll the membership at a later date.

MINORITY AFFAIRS SECTION: CLARICE FOOKS reported on behalf of SCHARRON LAISURE on actions taken at the Business Meeting of the Central MAS-GSA meeting. The MCAT Essay Pilot Study Project was discussed in detail. It was moved and seconded that the MCAT Essay Committee be asked to establish and enforce a final date for completion of the MCAT Essay Project. The motion was carried.
National MAS Chair, CAROLINE CARTER, announced the formation of two new committees within the MAS--the Faculty Development Committee and the Graduate Medical Education Committee. Each regional MAS chair was asked to appoint a representative to these committees. MARGARET WOODBERRY has accepted the appointment to the Faculty Development Committee and CHARLES VINCENT and WAYNE WILLIAMSON expressed their interest in serving on the Graduate Medical Education Committee. It was moved and seconded that the Faculty Development Committee consider developing a proposal advocating financial indebtedness forgiveness for minority medical school graduates who elect careers in academic medicine. The motion was carried. A Program Committee was formed to plan the Central Region GSA-MAS Regional Program, which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1987. JANE THOMAS will Chair that Committee.

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS: DANIEL BURR highlighted the major topics being discussed by the National and CGSA Committees on Admissions which include traffic rules, minority students, pre-medical requirements and dealing with the declining applicant pool. JOHN MOLIDOR indicated that the AAMC has an extensive data base regarding the applicant pool which could be used to study the declining applicant pool in the midwest. There was a brief discussion of the situation in Ohio, especially for minority students.

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: CAROL ASCHENBRENER noted that there had been a 60% response to the Transition Questionnaire mailed out just prior to the AAMC meeting and that there would be another questionnaire mailed out soon regarding NBME score reporting procedures. Carol indicated that a high priority this year would be transition issues and that the Committee hoped to send out a survey to residency program directors regarding the content of Dean's Letters, selection criteria and criteria used by program directors to evaluate the performance of residents.

DENNIS ZEREGA, HOWARD BERS and STEVEN WAGNER expressed opinions about how the workshop on transition issues was conducted and whether the opinions of GSA members were accurately reflected by the workshop leader. There was a lively debate on various other aspects of the transition issue.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL AID: MARILYN COMER reported that the National GSA Committee on Financial Aid would be sending out a survey to members to establish priorities for the coming year. The Central Region Committee will be working to develop a program for the Spring Meeting in Minneapolis.

JOHN MOLIDOR reported on the actions of the Council of Deans in endorsing and then sending back to the regions recommendations concerning score reporting to individuals and schools of NBME sub scores and total scores. There will be a survey sent out to all GSA members the results to be reported at the January COD meeting John encouraged all GSA officers to respond immediately.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: JOHN MOLIDOR reviewed plans for 1987 Regional Meeting, the new Regional CGSA Committee Structure reflecting the National GSA Committee structure, indicated that MICHAEL RAINYEY has been asked to take on preparing a CGSA Newsletter, noted that nominations for Vice Chair and Steering Committee will be solicited prior to the Regional Meeting in May, and it was noted that MICHAEL GONZALES CAMPOY from Mayo was elected as the Central OSR Chairman. Finally, John thanked the 29 members of the CGSA for attending the meeting at such a late hour at the end of the AAMC meeting week.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.