Graduate Professional Council General Assembly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

10/1/2013

Meeting called to order at 6:05 P.M.

I. Call to Order (Eric Hucker)

II. Adoption of the Minutes (Motion: Kristina Haug, Agricultural Education; Second: Kristofferson Culmer, Computer Science)

III. Agenda Adopted

IV. Officer Reports
   A. Technical Coordinator (Patrick Spencer)
      a. If you need any medium projected for GPC Meetings or Events, let Patrick know
   B. State issues Coordinator (Salama Gallimore)
      i. Government Shut Down, nothing to report
      ii. Will likely change after government reconvenes
   C. National Issues Coordinator (Jesse Kremenak)
      1. Legislative Action Days
         a. Graduate Students not being represented in student loan legislation proposals
         b. Slides

Slide 1

National Association of Graduate-Professional Students
Legislative Action Days

• Washington D.C.
• Sept. 15th-17th
Fall 2013 Legislative Action Days

53 Students, from 24 Universities, across 13 States
Over 75 Congressional Offices

Congressional Committees

- Senate Health, Education, Labor, & Pensions (HELP)
- House Science
- House Education
- House Judiciary
- Legislation: Domestic Renewal of Student Visas

Higher Ed. Act Reauthorization

- HEA expire Jan. 2014
- Visit GradsHaveDebt2 Facebook page
- Share your Stories and Voice your Concerns
- “Like” and “Share”

2. LAD Debrief
a. National Issue Subcommittee members, Kristofferson Culmer, Corbin Evans, and Jesse Kremenak were in Washington D.C. between Sept. 15th-17th for NAGPS’s Legislative Action Days

b. Part of a Delegation 53 Students, from 24 Universities, across 13 States
c. Collectively met with over 75 offices Congressional offices
d. From MO: Kristofferson Culmer, Corbin Evans, Jesse Kremenak, and Shankar Parajuli- Wash U. Graduate Student Senate President
   i. Met with entire Missouri delegation (10 meetings) and 4 meetings with committee staff

e. 5 meetings with senior committee staff
   i. Senate HELP- Majority
   ii. House Science- Majority
   iii. House Science- Minority
   iv. House Education- Majority
   v. House Judiciary Committee- Majority and Minority
      (A) Corbin Evans was instrumental during our meeting with the House Judiciary committee. Due to Corbin’s efforts the two senior staff, who are responsible for the House version of the immigration reform bill, agreed to consider adopting our proposed legislation on Domestic Renewal of Student Visas

e. Higher Education Act Reauthorization
   i. Largest piece of legislation that affects higher education. It is set to expire January 2014
   ii. Senate HELP Committee Chairman Tom Harkin (D-IA) wants to revisit student loans. Many congressional members do not after spending time this summer on the topic.
   iii. It is clear that graduate and professional education is not on the minds of these lawmakers. Many have the false perception that policies that affect grad/prof students are isolated. They are unaware of the roll that graduate students play in the functioning of higher education institutions.
   iv. GradsHaveDebt2
      (A) Lawmakers need to be aware of grad/prof. students’ issues and concerns. Currently they are ill-informed
      (B) Visit: www.facebook.com/GradsHaveDebt2
      (C) Share your stories and voice your concern.
      (D) “Like” and “Share” the page

D. Programming and Publicity (Michael Steska)
   b. 7-11 P.M. $3 bottomless cup

E. Secretary (Michael Burfield)
   a. Nothing to report

F. Treasurer (Hallie Thompson)

G. Vice President (Eric Hucker)
   a. Internal and External Committees are in full swing; however, positions are still open

H. President (Jacob Wright)
   a. CV Docs workshop October 21, 2013
      i. Slots will fill, but priority given to those currently searching for jobs
   b. Search Committees
      i. Chancellor search
      ii. Dean of the Graduate School search
   c. Service on Internal and External Committees is a requirement for GPC Department Representatives
   d. Strategic Plan
      i. Please provide your input to the process
   e. Graduate students will be hooded at spring graduation, despite rumors to the contrary

V. Liaison Reports
   1. (None)

VI. Special Orders
   A. At-Large Representatives
      1. Nominations
         a. Jordan Hoyt, Public Health
         b. Alex Howe, Philosophy
         c. Matt McCune, Physics and Astronomy
         d. Deebika Menon, Learning, Teaching, and Curriculum
         e. Chris Younger, Classical Studies

VII. Old Business
   A. (None)

VIII. New Business
   A. Parliamentary Procedure Review (E. Hucker)
      1. General Rules and Procedures of the Chamber, Parliamentary Procedure

Many motions require you to first gain the floor:

- Gain the attention of the Chair (“Mr./Mrs. Chairperson”)
- Wait to be recognized (“The Chair recognizes the gentleman/gentlewoman”)
- Make your motion/statement (“I move...” or “I request...”)
  - Remember to say your name and department
### Motions listed in order of precedence

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<th>What you want</th>
<th>What you say</th>
<th>Gain the floor?</th>
<th>Second required?</th>
<th>Debate allowed?</th>
<th>Amend allowed?</th>
<th>Vote Required</th>
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<td>Close the meeting</td>
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<td>Take a break</td>
<td>“I move to recess for...”</td>
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<td>Raise a problem</td>
<td>“Point of privilege!”</td>
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<td>Return to the agenda</td>
<td>“I call for the orders of the day”</td>
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<td>Put item aside temporarily</td>
<td>“I move to table...”</td>
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<td>Refer to a committee</td>
<td>“I move to refer this to the ____ committee”</td>
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<td>Change a motion</td>
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<td>Kill a motion</td>
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<td>Make a motion</td>
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<td>Enforce the rules</td>
<td>“Point of order!”</td>
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<td>Challenge the chair’s decision</td>
<td>“I appeal from the decision of the chair”</td>
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<td>Suspend the rules</td>
<td>“I move to suspend the rules”</td>
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<td>Demand an exact vote</td>
<td>“Division!”</td>
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<td>Request information</td>
<td>“Point of information!”</td>
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### B. General Funding Requests

1. The Truman Leadership Project 2014 (Adam Schmid)
   a. Slides
General Funding Request

Organization: Truman Leadership Project
Number of Active Members:
- Executive Director
- Board of Advisors

Event
- Time: July 21st-25th
- Place:
  - Memorial Student Union & MU Student Center (tentatively)
- Description: Educational Summer Day-Camp for Middle-School students
  - Leadership, Civic Involvement, Action
  - Funding one day of boxed-lunch for campers

Marketing
- Print:
  - Flyers/Apps with Community Groups
- Outdoor:
  - Business Profit-Shares, Community group sponsorships
- Media:
  - N/A, at this point
- Web:
  - FB, WP, website updated weekly with applicant information
- Other:
  - Partnering with local Orgs for camp engagement both on/off campus
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### Budget and Funding Sources

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**Total Expenses:** $1735.00

**Total Funded:** $400.00

**Total Outstanding:** $1335.00

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### Benefits to Graduate and Professional Students

- **Educational:**
  - Leadership skills, importance of civic involvement, honoring history/values of MU

- **Social:**
  - Promotes networking with local non-profits and representing MU’s value within community.

- Total Requested from GPC: $250

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2. **Asian Affairs Center Multicultural Hour (Gene Chuang)**
   - Slides
Multicultural Hour

Mission:
To improve understanding and promote better relationships among people from different cultures.

Time and Location:
Every Thursday 4pm - 5pm, at the Memorial Union.

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Participant Information

- Over 1000 participants since 2003
- A total of 21 countries and regions were represented at MCH in 2012

2012-2013 Attendance Nationality

- International: 29%
- American: 81%

2012-2013 Attendance Status

- Graduate: 25%
- Undergraduate: 40%
- Others: 35%
Slide 4

**Annual Budget (2013-14)**

- Estimate total cost of the events: **$ 2,500**
  - Eight special events: **$ 1200** ($ 600 requesting from GPC)
  - Other events: $ 400
  - MU info: $ 300
  - Brochures, fliers and posters: $ 200
  - Room reservation fees: $ 400

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**Spending on Special Events**

- Semester Welcome ($ 300)
- The Halloween Pumpkin Carving ($100)
- Thanksgiving (American) ($100)
- The Spring Festival (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese) ($100)
- Valentine’s Day ($100)
- St. Patrick’s Day (American & European) ($100)
- Easter ($100)
- Semester Farewell Gathering ($300)

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**Benefits for Grad Students**

- Experience the cultural diversity on MU campus
- Become familiar with diversity issues and develop a global worldview
- Share cross-cultural experiences and stories
- Build up their professional and personal networks
- Get involved in campus events
b. Finance Committee recommends funding of $400 out of $600 requested 

c. General Assembly requests lower funding amount to help spread funding over entire school year 

d. Motion to fund at $300: David Chappel, Plant Sciences 

e. Second: Alex Howe, At-Large 

f. Motion passes to fund at $300 

3. Latino/a Graduate Professional Network Poesia Viva (Marnym R. Arevalo Avalos) 

a. Slides
**Event: Poesia Viva**

- **Time**: Thursday, Oct 3rd – 7:00 PM
- **Place**: The Shack

**Description**:
This event will raise cultural awareness and highlight the diversity within the Latina/o community through poetry and other forms of performing arts. The evening will feature poetry from students and our featured guests, the Latino Writers Collective from Kansas City.

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**Marketing**

- **Print**: Poster size flyers, ¼ sheet flyers
- **Media (Television, and Radio)**: MU Info, listserv distribution
- **Webs**: LGPN and LWC Facebook pages, LGPN and La Voz Latina webpage.
- **Other**: Hispanic Heritage Month Events Flyer

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**Total Expenses**: $1066.27

**Total Funded**: $750.30

**Total Outstanding**: $315.97
Slide 5

Benefits to Graduate and Professional Students

• Educational: Increased cultural awareness/cultural sensitivity.
• Opportunity to network with LWC speakers.
• Social: Opportunity to de-stress and enjoy from entertainment/refreshments through a fun and relaxing environment.
• Total Requested from GPC: $245.97

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b. Finance Committee recommends funding of $200 out of $245 requested

c. General Assembly requests funding full amount to help spread funding over entire school year

d. Motion to fund at $200: Alex Howe, At-Large

e. Seconded

f. Motion passes to fund at $200

IX. Open Forum

1. Kristofferson Culmer, Computer Science: Legislators may be out of touch with Graduate tuition costs. Visit Grad Have Debt II on Facebook.

X. Adjournment

1. Motioned
2. Seconded
Meeting Adjourned at 7:08 P.M.