Graduate Professional Council General Assembly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

12/3/2013

Meeting called to order at 6:03 P.M.

I. Call to Order (Eric Hucker)

II. Adoption of the Minutes (Motion: Zach Rubin, Sociology; Second: Shelli Homer, English)

III. Agenda Adopted (Motion: Kris Culmer, Computer Sciences; Second: Marcelius Braxton, ABGPS)

IV. Officer Reports
   A. Technical Coordinator (Patrick Spencer)
      1. Position is open, contact Patrick at gpctechnology@missouri.edu by December 6
   
   B. State issues Coordinator (Salama Gallimore)
      1. Nothing to report
   
   C. National Issues Coordinator (Jesse Kremenak)
      1. December 4, 2013: Call Congress event for Grads Have Debt 2
         a. Tomorrow is nationwide GHD2 Call-Congress event
         b. 21 other schools are hosting calling events
         c. We will provide an easy script
         d. Student Center 2205, 9 A.M.-3 P.M.
   
   D. Programming and Publicity (Michael Steska)
      1. Thank you for your Great Circle contributions
         a. Make sure gifts are in by December 17
         b. Contact Michael Steska to coordinate: gpcpublicity@missouri.edu
   
   E. Secretary (Michael Burfield)
      1. Nothing to report
   
   F. Treasurer (Hallie Thompson)
      1. Presented request for fee increase for our funding to Student Fee Review Committee
         a. Asked for 7% increase for more travel awards
         b. Should know results early next semester
   
   G. Vice President (Eric Hucker)
      1. Nothing to report
H. President (Jacob Wright)
   1. Very active spring semester
      a. Professional Development Series
      b. RCAF
      c. Gold Chalk
   2. New officer nominations in February
   3. MU is hosting the next NAGPS National Conference
   4. MU GPC was named National Member of Year

V. Liaison Reports
   A. (None)

VI. Special Orders
   A. At-Large Representatives
      1. Nominations
         a. Eric Simmons (Department of Education, School, and Counseling Psychology)

VII. Old Business
    A. (None)

VIII. New Business
    A. Strategic Plan (Jake Wright)

Slide 1

Strategic Plan Update

Jake Wright
GPC President
December 3, 2013
Why do we need a plan?

- Lack of unified goals from year to year.
- Relatively long transition periods.
- Officer and Assembly turnover.

What does the process accomplish?

- Broadly set GPC’s five year agenda.
- Identify opportunities for growth.
- Identify institutional weaknesses.
- Develop strategies for addressing both.
- Provide opportunities for leadership.
The Planning Process

• Discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, challenges (SWOC) with Exec.
• Discuss SWOC with General Assembly.
• Discuss SWOC with other stakeholders.
• Draft mission statement and broad goals.
• Draft specific plan.
• Present plan to Assembly for approval.
Why we need your help

- Identified goals:
  - Increase participation from General Assembly.
  - Increase visibility among postgraduates.

- Broad constituent base:
  - General Assembly is a critical part of GPC.
  - Assembly members are in contact with other postgrads.

- Generation of ideas:
  - More ideas come from greater participation.

What we’re asking

- Fill out a form via email.
  - 10-20 minutes.

- Two meetings at the start of Spring Semester.
  - About one hour each.
  - Discuss SWOC from General Assembly point of view.

- Help draft Strategic Plan (if interested)
  - Meetings throughout Spring Semester.
  - Help draft and review plan.

B. Event: *Getting the Jobs That Aren’t Posted*
   1. January 29, 2013, 7-8 P.M., Stotler Lounge II
IX. Open Forum
1. Kristofferson Culmer: The Grads Have Debt 2 Call Campaign is really important. Please take 10-20 minutes of your time to help make this event a success.
2. We have basketball tickets to give away!

X. Adjournment
1. Motion: Alex Howe, At-Large
2. Seconded: Joanna Eleftheriou, At-Large

Meeting Adjourned at 6:41 P.M.