Graduate Professional Council General Assembly Meeting

Meeting Minutes

3/4/2014

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M.

I. Call to Order (Jake Wright)
II. Adoption of the Minutes (Accepted Unanimously)
III. Adoption of the Agenda
   A. Motion to amend the Agenda to ad items C, D, and E, under New Business (Seconded and accepted)
IV. Officer Reports
   A. Technical Coordinator (Alex Schalla)
      1. Nothing to report
   B. State issues Coordinator (Salama Gallimore)
      1. Not present – nothing to report
   C. National Issues Coordinator (Jesse Kremenak)
      1. At Legislative Action Days – nothing to report
   D. Programming and Publicity (Michael Steska)
      1. RCAF is this Saturday, March 8, 2014
   E. Secretary (Michael Burfield)
      1. Nothing to report
   F. Treasurer (Hallie Thompson)
      1. At Legislative Action Days – nothing to report
   G. Vice President (Eric Hucker)
      1. At Legislative Action Days – nothing to report
   H. President (Jacob Wright)
      1. Need a member on the Strategic Plan Committee
      2. Several thousand books damaged in the archives at Ellis Library
         a. GPC working to help with a solution
      3. This Friday at 5:00 P.M. is the due date for Gold Chalk nominations
4. Rollins Society nominations due March 21, 2014
   a. Only secret society at Mizzou for graduate students
5. Graduate Dean search committee continues
6. Legislative Action Days ends today

V. Liaison Reports
A. Status of Women Committee (Jordan Hoyt)
VI. Special Orders
   A. At-Large Representative elections
      1. Andrew Sommer, Truman School (Accepted unanimously)

VII. Old Business
   A. (None)

VIII. New Business
   A. General Funding Request – Art History and Archaeology Graduate Student Association
      1. Slides
      2. Finance Committee recommends funding at $250 because the event may not reach the entire graduate student community
      3. Alex Howe, At-large, fund for $250
      4. Motion to fund at $600 (Motion: Elizabeth Wolfson, Art History and Archaeology; Second: Alex Howe, At-large)

   B. Consideration of Assembly Resolution 1314-03: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduate Professional Council
      1. Sponsors: Eric Hucker, Salama Gallimore
      2. Resolution text:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE GATHERED THAT:

WHEREAS, GPC’s Constitution and Bylaws have not been revised in at least four years, and

WHEREAS, It is vital that these regular revisions take place, so that changes in GPC’s organization and mission can be codified, and

WHEREAS, In addition to addressing typographical errors, the proposed revisions and amendments will address inconsistencies between the bylaws and current GPC practices, add new responsibilities to Executive Board Positions, and provide a mechanism for a tie-breaking vote in election procedures, be it

RESOLVED, By majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered, that the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Graduate Professional Council, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Bylaws effectively immediately upon adoption:
SUBMITTED,

Mr. Eric A. Hucker        Ms. Salama Gallimore
Vice-President             Director of State Affairs

3. Motion to adopt: Christopher Younger, Classical Studies; Second: Jordan Hoyt, At-large
4. Motion passes unanimously

C. Consideration of Assembly Resolution 1314-04: A Resolution Requesting the University to Investigate the Renovation or Replacement of University Village
   1. Sponsors: GPC Executive Board
   2. Resolution text:

WHEREAS on the morning of February 22, 2014, A walkway at the University Village apartment complex collapsed, and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Bruce Britt of Fire Station No. 1, a dedicated firefighter and twenty-three year veteran of the Columbia Fire Department, lost his life as a result of this collapse, and

WHEREAS University Village serves many graduate and professional students at the University of Missouri, and

WHEREAS it is critical that graduate and professional students have access to save and affordable housing, and

WHEREAS the sacrifice of Lieutenant Britt should be honored through this assembly’s dedication to pursuing safe and affordable housing for graduate and professional students,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a majority vote of the General Assembly here gathered, that the Graduate Professional Council formally requests administration of the University of Missouri to explore all possible means for renovating or replacing the University Village Apartment Complex.

SUBMITTED,

Jake Wright              Eric A. Hucker          Hallie Thompson
President                Vice-President          Treasurer

Michael Burfield         Michael Steska          Salama Gallimore
Secretary                Director of Programming  Director of State Affairs
and Publicity            and Publicity
Jesse Kremenak, Alexander Schalla
Director of National Technology Coordinator Affairs

3. Motion to adopt: Megan Murphy, Biological Sciences; Second: Zach Rubin, Sociology
4. Motion passes unanimously

D. Consideration of Assembly Resolution 1314-05: *A Resolution honoring the selfless service of Fire Station No. 1 and the heroic sacrifice of Lieutenant Bruce Britt*
   1. Sponsor: GPC Executive Board
   2. Resolution text:

*A resolution honoring the selfless service of Fire Station No. 1 and the heroic sacrifice of Lieutenant Bruce Britt*

WHEREAS on the morning of February 22, 2014, firefighters from Fire Station No. 1 responded to a structural emergency at the University Village apartment complex, and

WHEREAS a walkway at University Village collapsed, and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Bruce Britt of Fire Station No. 1, a dedicated firefighter and twenty-three year veteran of the Columbia Fire Department, lost his life as a result of this collapse, and

WHEREAS University Village is home to many graduate and professional students at the University of Missouri, and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Britt gave his life in the line of duty, ensuring the safety and well-being of these students, and

WHEREAS It is right and proper for this Council to honor the selfless service of the members of Fire Station No. 1, and

WHEREAS It is especially right and proper for this Council to honor Lieutenant Britt’s sacrifice,

THEREFORE, BE IT UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Graduate Professional Council, the official student government for all graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate, and post-doctoral students at the University of Missouri, formally commends Lieutenant Britt and the members of Fire Station No. 1 for their devoted service, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Council expresses its sincere and profound gratitude for this service, and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Council expresses its profound grief and sincere condolences to Lieutenant Britt’s family and fellow firefighters for the Lieutenant’s death, and
THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that this council stands proudly in support of Lieutenant Britt’s family and fellow firefighters with our thoughts and well-wishes.

3. Motion and second to amend the resolution passes
4. Motion: Allison Rutledge; Second: Jordan Hoyt
5. Motion passes unanimously

E. FY15 GPC Budget Proposal
   1. Spreadsheet of proposed budget presented to General Assembly
   2. Motion: Alex Howe, At-Large; Second: Megan Murphy, Biological Sciences
   3. Motion may be amended at April General Assembly

F. Executive Board Elections
   1. Nominations for officer candidates
      a. President
         i. None at this time
      b. Vice President
         i. None at this time
      c. Treasurer
         i. Alex Howe
      d. Secretary
         i. Marcelius Braxton
         ii. Michael Burfield
      e. Programming and Publicity
         i. Michael Steska
      f. Director of National Issues
         i. None at this time
      g. Director of State Issues
         i. None at this time

IX. Open Forum
   1. Jessica Warwick, Plant Sciences
      a. Jane Goodall will be on campus September 17, 2014
      b. Student Activities Committee is putting on International Night on March 8 and hosting an improv fest on March 11
   2. Allison Rutledge, English
      a. Book fair

X. Adjournment
   1. Motion: Laura McAndrews, Textile and Apparel Management
   2. Seconded: Zach Rubin, Sociology
Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 P.M.