General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Agenda

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

I. Call Meeting to Order

Eric Hucker (Vice President) called the meeting to order

II. Adoption of the Minutes

Megan Murphy (Biological Sciences) motioned to adopt the minutes.
Zachary Buck (Physics) seconded that motion.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

Allison Rutledge (English) motioned to adopt the agenda.
Eric Simmons (Educational School and Psychology) seconded that motion.

IV. Installation of New Officers

Eric Hucker: New Officers are now in their new capacity.

V. Officer Reports

Alex Schalla (Technology Coordinator)
Matt McCune (Director of State Issues)
1. Thank you to Salama
2. Updates from State Legislature
   1. Expect 35% increase in budget
   2. GOP tax plan overridden
      1. 10% cut
   3. GPC signed on to oppose veto
      1. Unfortunately, it had little effect
   4. Salama sent out ASUM issue platform.
5. Survey sent out, wants to be sent out again.
6. ASUM (Mizzou Chapter) looking for new members.

Jesse Kremenak (Director of State Issues)
3. Thank you to everyone who came out to National Call-Congress Day
4. Record # of students participate at Mizzou (50 MU Students Called, 200 Calls from Mizzou)
5. 17 universities across the nation
6. Federal Profits on student loan program
   1. (Chart-Undergraduate, Parents, Graduates)
2. Projected to increase
3. 2013-14:
   1. $101 billion borrowed.
   2. 20 millions student loans issued
   3. $16.7 billion profit on 2014 student loans. 60% are graduates and professionals
   4. Student loan rates will rise on July 1st
      1. Projection:
         1. 5.41% to 6.64% for graduate and professional
         2. 6.41% and 7.64% for GRADPLUS
   5. Check out the facebook page.
$10.1 \text{ Billion Borrowed}

20 Million Student Loans Issued

- Parents: 4%
- Grad. & Prof.: 12%
- Undergrads: 84%

Fed Profits $16.7 \text{ Billion on 2014 Student Loans}

- Undergrads: 25%
- Grad. & Prof.: 60%
- Parents: 15%
Mike Steska (Director of Programming)
Marcelius Braxton (Secretary)
Alex Howe (Treasurer)

7. Soga budget has been confirmed
8. Last round of travel funding
   1. 80 total applications, effectively 78 applications
   2. 58 travel grants
   3. 32 $400, 30 $300, 6 $200

Eric Hucker VP
9. Rollins Society
   1. Jesse Kremenak and Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science) inducted
10. Gold Chalk
   1. 7 of 8 award winners were present. Dr. Smith could not attend.

Thompson (President)
11. 3 people serve on committee. Energy Strategy Group.
   1. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science), Hallie Thompson, and Mike Burfield are serving.
   2. Looking for 1 to 2 volunteers
12. Graduate School is looking for volunteer for graduation
   1. May 18th at 4pm and 7pm.
   2. Greeting people, families, etc. Come forward or email Hallie after the meeting to volunteer.
13. Graduate School Task Force
   1. Jake Wright is serving and will continue to serve.
14. NAGPS National Conference
   1. Looking for as many volunteers as possible
   2. Greeting, organizing, helping with presentations
15. Very excited to serve and always looking for input.

VI. Liaison Reports

Maxwell Philbrook (GSA)
1. 13 grants from GSA were applied for, 12 were granted
2. 9 $200, 3 $100 grants
3. May apply multiple times a year
4. March 15-June 15, due June 30th by 5pm in the grad school. 265 Reynolds
5. Really interested in input regarding the task force

Elizabeth Wolfson (Resident Life Center)
6. University Villages Going to close down June 30th
7. Can leave immediately if they want (3 did this)
8. Option to break their lease if they'd like to.
9. Not sure what they are going to do with the soon to be abandoned complex.
   ◦ Chancellor wants to demolish
   ◦ Resident Life wants to save it because there are 3 renovated structures.

VII. Special Orders
1. At-Large Representative Elections
   1. Maxwell Philbrook (English)
      1. Appointed

VIII. Old Business
2. None
IX. New Business

Presentation: Mental Life and Flourishing Committee: Mr. Eric Simmons, Department of Educational School and Psychology
1. Presentation
   i. Mental life/health is not a new issue (heating up on campus)
   ii. Other organizations are sending out information related to mental health
   iii. GPC needs to take part in the conversation
   iv. Start a committee specifically looking at mental health and flourishing.
   v. Samantha Galley (sp?) and MSA individual are interested
   vi. Serving as an advocacy group.
   vii. (Slide for vision and mission)
   viii. Logistics: Ad-hoc committee created,
   ix. Purpose: To explore mental health issues
   x. “Standing Committee on Graduate Professional Mental Life and Flourishing”
2. Proposing Amendment to bylaws
   i. Need 10%, 11 signatures
3. Membership: As many as possible
4. Sign up sheet: Interest in committee, interest in signing, etc
   i. Include your name and department
5. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 5:30
Committee on Graduate-Professional Mental Life and Flourishing

- **Vision**
  - Primary advocacy group for graduate and professional students' mental health at the University of Missouri

- **Mission**
  - Advocate on behalf of graduate and professional students' mental health through campus policy concerning mental health, mental health awareness and promotion, and collaboration with other on- and off-campus organizations and agencies.

Logistics

- Currently “Ad-Hoc Committee to Explore the Creation of a Standing Mental Life Committee in the Graduate Professional Council”
  - shooting for the “Standing Committee on Graduate Professional Mental Life and Flourishing

- Proposed Amendment
- Signatures/Membership
Election: Chair of The Ad-Hoc Committee to Explore the Creation of a Standing Mental Life Committee in the Graduate Professional Council: Officiant: Hallie Thompson (President)

6. Eric Simmons (Educational School and Psychology)
   i. (nominates self)

Consideration of Resolution 1314-06: A Resolution to Urge University of Missouri Colleges to Formally Consult Students Prior to Enacting Changes to College-Level Fees: Sponsor: Alex Howe (Treasurer)

1. Alex Howe:
   1. Dr. Scroggs sent out email: Action and Discussion items related to MU Engineering Fee
      1. 33 page document to enact fee
   2. Issue: Two new recent fees and graduate students not consulted
   3. Changed “Ask” from multiple committees to one single committee. Should we ask for college mechanism or a single committee.
   4. Points in favor of single committee
      1. SFRC: Non-academic fees that apply to everyone regardless of colleges
         1. These fees apply to colleges, but they are relevant to anyone who wants to take a class within a college as the fees would apply.
      2. Single committee can be organized to accommodate certain colleges and the college by college mechanism.
      3. Best integration with governing bodies
      4. Best oversight with central body.
      5. Helps to prevent variation.
      6. Should it be its own committee or under another, such as Soga?
2. Questions for Howe:
   1. Mike Burfield: What was the justification for the $70?
      1. Howe: Concerns raised about lab equipment, study abroad, insufficient staff, computer labs. The issue is not fees but the manner in which the fees are presented and the level of consultation. Graduate students were not consulted

   2. Allison Rutledge (English): What is the role of Soga, and would they be able to handle this?
      1. Hallie Thompson (President): Soga was one option, but we would review

Maxwell Philbrook (GSA) motioned for more time
Jesse Kreminak (Director of National Issues)

   1. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Fees for out of state are not mentioned in the A&S portion. First 'whereas' in the 2nd page. Unclear
   2. Maxwell Philbrook: More information about Dr. Scrogg's email
      1. Alex Howe: Approval, pre approval, post approval as well as documents that were presented. Focus group was described.

Debate:

Support:

None

Opposition:

Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): College level committee is better for the ask.

1. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science) motions to amend: Not debating the fees, debating the process. Does apply to anyone who enrolls in the course, but the overwhelming burden is on the people in the college.
   1. By outlining the process on which college should fall, can be done quicker. Will be forced to engage students. Drafted steps. “Process for engaging and consulting students in regard to changes to College level academic fees”
   2. Should have specific discussion on topic (must be open forum dedicated to proposed fees)
   3. Should be given 2-4 weeks notice
   4. Should have open forum that is accessible (date, time, place)
   5. Consultation needs to be adequate. Out of 3300 students, only solicited 3.

2. Eric Hucker: Mr. Howe wants one committee, Mr. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science) wants college by college

Questions for Mr. Culmer (Computer Science):

3. McCune (Director of State Affairs): Why can't we take what Mr. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science) wants and have the committee convey them to the college?
   1. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): Better for each college to engage. We can implement more rapidly. College level solution for college level issue.
   4. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Can you provide clarify to your points about people taking
courses outside of their department?
1. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): Majority of students within college are those who take courses. Majority of people affected are within the college.

5. Mike Steska (Director of Programming): Agree that colleges know what they need, and students might be more apt to make a decision. However, to ensure what recently happened does not happen again, there could be a blend of the two. Committee could ensure that colleges stay involved, not necessarily make the decision. Needs to be someone on the outside to ensure that the college has a voice.
   1. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): GPC reps could potentially be that liaison. Decision is on the Curators. This is just outlining a process for us to be engaged.

6. Jordan Hoyt (at large): Ultimate oversight?
   1. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): We do have at least someone from each college in here. So there would be at least some oversight.

Heidi Trapinski (Communications) motions to extend
Matt McCune (Director of State Issues) seconds the motion.

Continued Questions:

- Heidi Trapinski (Communications): Wants to blend the two ideas.
  - Howe: Believes this can be done through one committee
- Matt McCune: How do we keep reps engaged?
  - Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): GPC could keep everyone informed.
  - Howe: Committee could just be used to keeping everyone informed and represented.

Debate for Mr. Culmer (Computer Science)'s Amendment:

Support:

1. Mike Steska (Director of Programming): In favor of it but need a blend. That the committee is notified not to make decisions but to come into attendance to make sure that students are notified /
2. Megan Murphy (Biological Science): How would we go about amending the amendment?

Opposition: None

Voice Vote: Dismissed

Roll Call Vote for Amendment: 6 Y, 9 N, 3 A Amendment does not pass

Alex Howe (Treasurer): Motion to Amend Mr. Culmer's Amendment

Questions
1. Maxwell Philbrook: How does the committee convene? Who chooses that? Who is charged with making sure there is a thing.

Support:

Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science) and Mike Steska (Director of Programming) voiced support
Opposition: None

Amendment is carried and changed.

Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Amendment to explicitly include out-of-state students on page 2

Amendment carried.

Resolution as a whole:

Megan Murphy (Biology) motions to adopt as written.

Paul Hamilton (Philosophy) seconds.

Resolution carried.

Consideration of Resolution 1314-07: A Resolution to Urge University of Missouri Administration to Act in Regard to Childcare for Students On Campus: Sponsor: Eric Hucker, Vice-President

Marcelius Braxton (Secretary) motions to bypass reading.

Jesse Kremenak (Director of National Issues) seconds.

Questions:

1. Allison Rutledge (English): Stronger stance? Should have or must have some sort of child facility?
   1. Eric Hucker (Secretary): The exec board met and talked, and we thought it was important to acknowledge that there be a some sort of childcare that accommodates the students.

Open Discussion: None

Jordan Hoyt (Public Health): Motion to adopt resolution.

Chris Young (Classical Studies): Seconds motion

Resolution has been adopted.

Consideration of Resolution 1314-08: A Resolution to Urge University of Missouri Administration to Act in Regard to Housing for Graduate and Professional Students: Sponsor: Mr. Hucker, Vice-President

Matt McCune (Director of State Issues) motions to bypass reading.

Jesse Kremnak (Director of National Issues) seconds.
Questions: None

Open Discussion: None

Megan Murphy (Biology): Motion to adopt resolution.
Elizabeth Wolfson (Art History): Seconds motion.

Resolution has been adopted.

X. Open Forum

1. Jordan Hoyt (At Large):
   1. This morning, Office of Research eliminated grant writing/grant training and let all the staff go. $20 million was brought in last year. These changes are happening, and people are losing their jobs.

2. Jesse Kremenak (Director of National Issues): Office of Affairs is losing two members because they're graduating.

3. Maxwell Philbrook (GSA): Jordan's comments are signaling big restructuring change for AAU. Interesting that they made the move now.

XI. Adjournment

Shelli Homer (English): Motion to adjourn meeting
Jordan Hoyt (At Large) seconds motion.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:49 pm