General Assembly Meeting  
Tuesday, December 2, 2014
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Agenda

I. Call Meeting to Order
   a. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM

II. Adoption of the Minutes
   a. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy) motioned to adopt.
   b. Jesse Kremenak (National Affairs) seconded.

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. Megan Murphy (Biological Science motioned to adopt.
   b. Jarrod Dye (School of Medicine) seconded.

IV. Officer Reports
   a. Matt McCune (State Affairs)
      i. Not Present
   b. Jesse Kremenak (National Affairs)
      i. Advocate of the year award to Elizabeth Warren
         1. Working to develop relationship with her and her office.
      ii. NAGPS
         1. Next year, we are allocating money to establish DC operations. Will help out GPC National Affairs and NAGPS Legislative
      iii. NAGPS Board
         1. Hallie Thompson elected to NAGPS Legislative Affairs
         2. Krisofterson Culmer elected as NAGPS President
   c. Mike Steska (Programming and Publicity)
      i. No report
   d. Marcelius Braxton (Secretary)
      i. GPC’s Ambassador’s Council
         1. Trying to improvement GPC involvement for the next semester
      ii. International Student Guide
      iii. Campus Safety
   e. Alex Howe (Treasurer)
      i. Trying to improve forms for travel funding
ii. SFRC: Issues with student fees
   1. We only receive graduate fees
   2. We only asked for CPI (1.5 or 1.6% increase)
      a. Inflation, will be about $2000

f. Eric Hucker
   i. Two Committee Openings
      1. Campus Space Utilization Committee
         a. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health): Does this include things like ResLife?
            i. Eric: Not included. They are under ResLife committee.
      2. Unions Committee
   ii. Sending a committee report system to see if they are meeting and when. We just want to get an idea of what they’re doing.
   iii. Talked to Chancellor Loftin about housing and childcare. Want a follow-up meeting with Vice Chancellor Scroggs.
   iv. At the moment, Chancellor is scheduled to visit the General Assembly in February. He wanted to give brief remarks and take questions.

g. Hallie Thompson
   i. Have a happy break and smooth end of the semester. Thank you for all the help including the NAGPS Conference.
   ii. Thank you again to everyone who was involved with the NAGPS conference. Attendees noted how dedicated the conference helpers were.
   iii. Thank you to Dr. Mark who helped choose the National Member of the Year for NAGPS. USC won.
   iv. Chancellor attended the National Conference, spent about an hour on Saturday with us.
   v. Title IX requirements
      1. November 20th email sent from Chancellor. Supposed to be done by January 30th.
      2. We need an informal way of informing ourselves and other students who aren’t employees.
   vi. SFRC Requests
      1. One thing we noted was the direction of GPC.
         a. We want to define our direction, overall goals, and where we’re going.
b. We used SFRC as a stepping stone for strategic planning.

c. The board will be sending things related to the board.

V. Committee Reports

a. Jordan Hoyt (Status of Women): Chancellor approval for faculty equity. This affects students, people who work here, and who chooses to come here. Will keep everyone updated as it goes forward.

i. Study for tenure track, and if there is a discrepancy, will do non-tenure track and staff.

VI. Liaison Reports

a. Carrie Winship (GSA): New executive board was elected. If you need more info, check out GSA facebook page.

b. Deadline for travel awards: December 30th (between September 15 and December 14)

i. Gsa.missouri.edu for more information

VII. Special Orders

a. At-Large Representative Elections

i. None

VIII. Old Business

a. Joint Session of Student Government

i. Mr. Hucker


2. Campus Dining to label food with better nutritional information.

3. Campus tours inclusive of advocacy centers and GOBCC.

4. Missouri International Student Council to join Joint session.

5. Create a central place to house all legislation from Joint Session.


IX. New Business
a. Great Circle Holiday Toy Drive – Presentation of Gifts

   1. Mr. Steska
      a. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way. It’s a wonderful opportunity to give and serve, particularly children and young adults.

      b. Thank you to Matt McCune and GSA’s involvement.

b. Consideration of Resolutions

   i. Resolution 1415-03: A Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Graduate Professional Council to Add and Codify Rules of Order for the General Assembly

      1. Mr. Hucker presents resolution

      a. Megan Murphy (Biological Sciences): Are general assembly and presentations each or total?

      b. Alex Howe (Treasurer): Extensions can be done before or after presentation.

         i. If we know in advance, we don’t have to wait until time is up. We can set it before the presentation occurs.

      c. Mike Steska (Programming and Publicity): If someone knows they will be a few minutes over, are they allowed to let the board or general assembly know beforehand.

         i. Mr. Hucker: Guest could talk to the chair, and chair announces to the assembly. And the general assembly can vote to extend time.

      d. Jim Hayden (English): Motion to amend

         i. #4 and #5: “Each” at the beginning

         ii. Kacy Walz (English): Seconded

         iii. Amendment passes

      e. Alex Howe: Do resolutions fall under Item 6?

         i. Eric Hucker: Yes

      f. Mike Burfield: Motion to adopt

         i. Megan Murphy (Biological Science) seconded.
ii. Resolution 1415-04: A Resolution to Amend Section IV of the Bylaws of the Graduate Professional Council

1. Ms. Thompson
   a. Marcelius Braxton (Secretary): Motion to Bypass reading
      i. Kenneth Bryant (Political Science): Seconded.
   b. Not a lot of changes, more just changes to reflect what we actually do now.
   c. Megan Murphy (Biological Science): Motion to Adopt
      i. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Seconded

   c. Announcements

   i. Grads Have Debt 2 Call-Congress Day recap

   1. Mr. Kremenak
      a. 285 calls logged from Mizzou. Best number yet.
      b. Over 600 calls nationwide. Lots of calls going into Congress talking about student debt.
      c. Roughly half of the people were first time callers.
      d. In 2012, in DC, met with deaf ears. With all our work, we’ve changed the positions of 3 of our 8 Missouri representatives in a year and a half.
      e. Reauthorization Act is currently going on. Both the Democrats and Republicans in the House/Senate Education Committee said graduate students are supplementing undergraduate students.
         i. Staffers said they’d continue to do it until they get pushback.
         ii. Within the next year, that is our window to change the future of graduate and professional students.
      f. Student loans are just one topic that we’re fighting for, but if we can’t get mobilized, then
it’s difficult to talk about other issues such as increased funding for research.

i. Lots of work has been done, and with a little more work, we can do more.

g. Mr. Culmer (Computer Science): Called Lacy Clay’s office. Never usually get to talk to representative. She actually put Congressman Clay on, and he talked for 5 minutes about student loans. The reason it happened is because callers asked about legislation. So, he realized it was important, and we’d like to see language to reduce student loan rates. The more we call, the more they will be forced to listen.

h. If you bring 2 other people, that triples the number of calls we can make.

i. We have been publicized in national news in multiple articles. Time, Smithsonian, and another report. Thank you so much for taking the time.

ii. Executive Board opening, Director of Programming & Publicity

1. Mr. Steska & Ms. Thompson

a. Mr. Steska

i. Personal circumstances came up where won’t be able to fulfill duties for the next semester.

ii. Stepping down to allow someone else to take on the role.

iii. Will still be around for the replacement to assist or for questions.

iv. Want to thank the general assembly for electing for two years. Been an honor to serve and a rewarding opportunity. Best of luck to the new Director of Programming and Publicity.

b. Ms. Thompson

i. President can just appoint someone, but in the spirit of allowing people to run, we would have elections during December meeting.
ii. Carrie Winship (Theatre) nominates Rachel Bauer.
   1. Kenneth Bryant (Political Science):Seconds

iii. Rachel Bauer:
   1. GSA Secretary
   2. Helped to organize each event for GSA.
   3. Coordinated Theatre Department’s largest fundraiser.
   4. Co-chair of women and gender studies group
   5. In the past, coordinator of interactive theatre group.
   6. Second year PhD student (Theatre)
      a. Very passionate about graduate student debt.

iv. Elected by Affirmation

X. Open Forum
   a. Mr. Culmer: Thank you to everyone who volunteered at NAGPS conference.
      i. Congratulations to Hallie Thompson and Jesse Kremenak for their service

XI. Adjournment
   a. Paul Hamilton motion to adjourn
      i. Megan Murphy (Biological Science): Seconded
   b. Meeting adjourned at 7:04