General Assembly Meeting  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015  
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Agenda

I. Call Meeting to Order  
   a. Meeting called to order at 6:01pm

II. Adoption of the Minutes  
   a. Minutes adopted  
      i. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy) motion to adopt  
      ii. Jerrod Dye (School of Medicine) seconded

III. Adoption of the Agenda  
   a. Mr. McCune (Director of State Affairs)  
      i. Consideration of early nominations (New Business, c)  
         1. Marie Jones (Biology) motion to adopt  
         2. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy) seconded

IV. Officer Reports  
   a. Mr. McCune (Director of State Affairs):  
      i. State of the State  
      ii. Responsibility of position  
         1. Serve on ASUM Board of Directors, take GPC’s concerns to them.  
         2. Co-chair Student Affairs Committee  
         3. Serve on National Affairs  
   b. Mr. Kremenak (Director of National Affairs):  
      i. DC Update: Potentially simplify tax code  
         1. Collapse everything to American Opportunity Tax Credit  
         2. Expand eligibility to 5 years,  
         3. Hurts grad/prof students by eliminating Lifetime Earning Credit.  
      ii. National Affairs Committee: Accepting new members  
         1. Established open access subcommittee  
         2. If you are interested, see Jesse  
      iii. Thank you to Chancellor for agreeing to help with student visa renewal
c. Rachel Bauer (Director of Programming and Publicity):
   i. RCAF: March 14. Can present your work and stay local.
      1. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel (rcaf@missouri.edu) or check out gpc.missouri.edu
   ii. Social event: Winter Welcome at Déjà vu 7pm
   iii. Eric Hucker: Would like to acknowledge Ms. Bauer and contributions.

d. Marcelius Braxton (Secretary):
   i. Be on the lookout for emails from me.

e. Alex Howe (Treasurer):
   i. Library Fee (discuss later)
   ii. Travel Awards
      1. February 6th deadline.
      2. Questions added:
         a. Know who your GA is.
         b. Want people to send in pictures. We want pictures of you presenting
         c. Volunteers needed to help score travel fund requests.
            i. Snacks
            ii. Good will
            iii. Insight into what GPC is looking for in a good application

e. Eric Hucker (Vice President):
   i. External appointment form.
      1. 6 questions with short answers
      2. Requesting you fill out form and send it back to Eric Hucker.
      3. We just want to know more about what your appointment does and how we can improve it.
   ii. Members of Academic Affairs Committee will hear from Eric soon regarding Gold Chalk
   iii. Meetings about Childcare
      1. Trying to see if new College of Education building can have a daycare center built into it.

g. Hallie Thompson (President):
   i. New Provost: Dr. Garnett Stokes
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1. Please meet her if/when you can.

ii. Founders Day
   1. February 11\textsuperscript{th}
   2. Celebration of end: Sign the flag on the 4\textsuperscript{th}, 5\textsuperscript{th}, and 6\textsuperscript{th}, on the 1\textsuperscript{st} floor of the student center.
      a. 10-5pm
      b. Will be displayed at 200\textsuperscript{th} anniversary.

iii. Executive Board Coffee Talk
   1. February 25\textsuperscript{th}, 1-2pm
   2. March 31\textsuperscript{st}, 9-10am

V. Committee Reports
   a. Jerrod Dye (Parking and Transportation)
      i. Jesse Hall: Will be ready for spring
      ii. Pedestrian crossing: Will be going in this summer
         1. East campus to main campus
   iii. Medical School trying to expand but funding issues
   iv. Orthopedic Institute is being expanded
   v. Parking: Meters use coins, but testing credit and debit in garages. Planning to expand around campus.
   vi. Parking tag system changed: Has a car that drives around and recognizes license plates.

VI. Liaison Reports
   a. No reports

VII. Special Orders
   a. Remarks from Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, Chancellor
      i. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Motion to extend time to chair’s discretion
      ii. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health) seconded
      iii. Notes on Remarks
         1. Graduate class enrollment: 6,202 (up 2.2%)
            a. Growth from online.
            b. On campus has not grown. One of the Chancellor’s concerns.
i. Task force for graduate student experience will be happening over the next few months. Will take about a year to truly get done.
   
   1. Will need leadership from graduate and professional students.

2. Title IX administrative hire should be finished by this week.

3. Ferguson/Diversity
   
   a. Meetings in December to discuss the events
   b. Needs student involvement
   c. Open forum on February 16th at 7:30pm.
      i. Others throughout the semester
   d. Want to make sure graduate students are involved

4. Want to include graduate/professional students in all decision-making processes.
   
   a. If you feel you aren’t involved, contain Hallie.

iv. Questions

1. Kacy Walz (English): Lot of money going into biology and engineering. We were interested in knowing where the university funding is and who we can make aware of our issues
   
   a. No hiring freeze from Chancellor/Provost level. If that exists, it’s in that department or college.
   b. Tried to incentivize senior faculty to retire now and not later, which has had an effect. Most are staying until August 31st. 110 people (~10% of tenured faculty) made that choice.
      i. Freed up $19 million in salary money and will be put towards faculty. Will not go directly to same places; Deans will have discretion.
      ii. Investing new money in 20+ signature hires. We expect to hire faculty at the junior level to complement.
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iii. #1 criterion for AAU (Comprehensive research university). So, we need everyone.

2. Maria Jones (Biology): Open Forum. Are you from the Chancellor perspective incorporating any measures or training?
   a. Opinion: We don’t have overt racism here. We have subconscious racism from faculty.
   b. Very difficult to dictate things to faculty
   c. Wants to bring faculty in as partners. Want to raise the awareness of bias. We need the faculty to buy into this plan.
   d. Went to faculty council leadership, and slowly buying in.
   e. Had lots of student consultation. Working on faculty issue.

   a. Professional masters program: Offering programs that are attractive to people who are already working. Company may pay for the entire program. (Executive MBA is the best example).
   b. Engineering/Computer Science are areas where this is possible.
   c. These programs bring in more money than they cost. Will help on campus students.

4. Alex Howe (Treasurer): Tuition Waivers ($33 million loss). We offer tuition waivers to .25FTE (quarter time). Rumbling about discontinuing those. What are the merits? Who has discretion? Where would the new funds go?
   a. Concerned about graduate enrollment and want it to grow. This is one possible way to increase stipend and support.
   b. New enough that it hasn’t been discussed.
b. At-Large Representative Elections
   i. No at-large

VIII. Old Business
   a. None

IX. New Business
   a. General Funding Request
      i. Latino Graduate Professional Network – Mr. Abel Gómez
         1. Mr. Howe: How many people are expected to attend? Similar events?
            a. Abel:
               i. Expecting 70 but might be more.
                  1. Many groups have offered to help as well
                  2. Last fall was part of an event that was packed,
            2. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): $100 off on amount in powerpoint
            3. Recommendation of Finance Committee (Mr. Howe): Open to everyone. Hard to judge merits of the nature of the event (very unique).
            4. Debate:
               a. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health): Potential funding from other groups.
               b. Rachel Bauer (Programming and Publicity): Great workshop that is refreshing.
               c. Alex Howe (Treasurer): Nice to have this many groups, and will help GPC get name out
               d. Kenneth Bryant (Political Science): Wellness is a good thing for GPC to align ourselves with
               e. Marcelius Braxton (Secretary): Knowing many people in LGPN, they are very active on campus and this would be good for GPC.
               f. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Concern about the honorarium.
            5. Kacy Walz (English): motion to fund for full amount
               a. Michael Simpson (SEAS): second
            6. Funded for $600
            7. Total spent over semester: $1850
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8. Amount remaining: $1150

b. Consideration of Resolutions
   i. Resolution No. 1415-05: A Resolution to Adopt Changes to the MSA/GPC Articles of Cooperation – Ms. Thompson
      1. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Motion to skip the reading.
      2. Marcelius Braxton (Secretary): Motion to adopt as written:
         a. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy) seconds
   ii. Resolution No. 1415-06: A Resolution to Amend the Bylaws to Formalize “Good Standing” – Messrs. Howe & McCune
      1. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): People with over 100 students send 1 student and they are in good standing?
         a. Matt McCune: Currently we are just trying to get each department to get involved.
      2. Emily Armbruster (Biochemistry): Have we reached out to other groups? Also, is there a way to retroactively gain good standing?
         a. Matt McCune (Director of State Affairs): Done on a semester by semester basis. Will let the entire campus know, including DGS.
            i. Ambassador’s Council has reached out and not received a large increase.
      3. Kristofferson Culmer: Presented something like this during tenure. GA thought it was too harsh and wanted exec to take more steps to get more people involved. Most other graduate groups say you get nothing, so this is more lenient.
      4. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health): Would this affect voting practices?
         a. Matt: As long as they are a voting rep, they can vote. Proxies are a little different.
      5. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Where would the money go? What about departments with exec members?
         a. Matt McCune: Money will be spent. Exec members serve everyone.
6. Carrie Winship (Theatre): How will we measure how many people are in each department?
   a. Registrar
7. Tim Gouge (Geology): 10 seems reasonable
8. Jordan Hoyt: Concern because many people are in online programs.
9. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): Amendment that says 10 “on-campus” enrolled students.
   a. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health) seconded.
   b. Amendment passes
10. Alex Howe (Treasurer): Are there any programs where Tuesday evening does not work?
    a. Matt McCune (Director of State Affairs): They can appeal if that is the case.
11. Marcelius Braxton (Secretary): Motion to vote
    a. Maria Jones (Biology) second
12. Resolution adopted
   iii. Resolution No. 1415-07: A Resolution to Amend the Bylaws to split the Director of Programming and Publicity position into two positions – Mses. Thompson & Bauer, Mr. McCune
    1. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Motion to skip reading
    2. Hallie Thompson (President): This is to increase communication and get our name out. This is very important for GPC to do.
    3. Rachel Bauer (Director of Programming and Publicity): Divided positions where we saw fit and elaborated on each.
    4. Matt McCune (Director of State Affairs): These are two separate positions that do two separate things.
    5. Emily Armbruster (Biochemistry): Salary?
       a. Cut Programming and Publicity in half. Maybe can increase it to be even.
       b. Alex Howe: We will determine during budget time.
    6. Kacy Walz (English): When would this go into effect?
       a. March.
       c. Consideration of Early Nominations for Executive Officers.
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i. Matt McCune is interested in Director of Communication but cannot attend March meeting.

ii. Rule governing nomination of officers should be suspended for this meeting
   1. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Motion to suspend rules.
   2. Maria Jones (Biology) seconds.

iii. Nominations: VP: Aashish Jagini (Business School, self nominated, Marcelius Braxton seconded), Director of Communication: Matt McCune (nominated by Jesse Kremenak, Alex Howe seconded), Director of State Affairs: Matt McCune (self nominated, Marcelius Braxton seconded)

   d. Announcements & Upcoming Events
      i. Student Visa Renewal Open Forum: February 4 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm in Jesse Wrench Auditorium (Memorial Union South)
      ii. GPC Winter Welcome: February 6 from 7:00pm – 11:00pm at Déjà Vu Comedy Club (405 Cherry St)
      iii. 32nd Annual RCAF Call for Proposals: due Friday, February 20 (applications submitted through GPC website)

X. Open Forum
   a. Jesse Kremenak (Director of National Affairs): Not running for a 4th term.
   b. Matt McCune (Director of State Affairs): Please sign in!

XI. Adjournment
   a. Adjourned 7:59pm

41 people present