General Assembly Meeting  
Tuesday, April 7, 2015  
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Agenda

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

II. Adoption of the Minutes  
a. Minutes adopted

III. Adoption of the Agenda  
a. Rachel Bauer: Add Mizzou Passion Project  
   i. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Seconded

IV. Officer Reports  
a. Mr. McCune/Jesse Kremenak proxy (Director of State Affairs)  
   i. NAGPS Recap: Powerpoint
b. Mr. Kremenak (Director of National Affairs)  
   i. NAGPS update: Powerpoint
   ii. GradsHaveDebt2 Update  
c. Ms. Bauer (Programming and Publicity)  
   i. General Assembly Appreciate Event  
      1. Friday, May 1st at 6pm on the Roof of the Physics Building  
         a. Food, drinks, music, and plus +1  
      ii. Family Friendly Flashback Friday  
         1. Lowry Mall  
         2. May 22  
d. Mr. Braxton (Secretary)  
   i. Everyone sign in.

   Mr. Howe (Treasurer)  
   i. Travel Funding: April 17th at 5pm.

f. Eric Hucker (VP)  
   i. 4 gold chalk winners  
   ii. Merging with GSA and Office with Graduate Studies: Inaugural Graduate Awards Banquet  
   iii. Come to Tap Day for Rollins.

g. Hallie Thompson (President)
i. Graduate Student Experience Taskforce: Likely last week in April
   1. Matt McCune, Hallie Thompson, and Kenneth Bryant are all serving.
   2. Look at graduate experience and see how graduate school affects that experience.
      a. Dissertation/thesis issues
      b. Broad so if you have concerns, contact Hallie.

ii. 200th Steering Committee
   1. Survey is out that is meant to poll student population/Columbia area alumni
      a. Hallie will send out website with survey
   2. In 25 years where do we want to be?
   3. Chancellor.missouri.edu/lookingforward200/survey/

iii. Graduate Student Orientation for Spring Semester
   1. Concerned that we are missing out on a lot of students
   2. Going through in the next couple of months to see what we can do/what resources are available.
   3. If you are interested, contact Hallie.
      a. Planning to start a committee
      b. Lots of the work will be done over the summer.

V. Committee Reports
   a. Tim Gouge (Campus Facility Planning Committee): Graduating and need a new member. Contact Tim if interested.
   b. Jordan Hoyt (Status of Women)
      i. Decided to move forward to rename campus building after women.
         1. 4 academic buildings and 2 residence halls
         2. Coming to GPC to help.
   c. MU IT Program
      i. Chancellor is starting a committee to look at the logistics of it all. If you are interested, let Eric Hucker know.

VI. Liaison Reports
   a. Carrie Winship (GSA): April 15th
      i. 2 30 minute yoga/stress relief
      ii. 7:30-8pm, 8-8:30pm
   b. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health)
i. Public Health week.

ii. Notable one is a movie screening on Thursday at 6:30pm. Forum 8.
   1. “The Homestretch”
   2. Free and open to everyone

VII. Special Orders

a. At-Large Representative Elections
   i. Mallory Lumpe (SEAS)
      1. Paul Hamilton seconds
      2. Mallory Lumpe is elected as an at-large member.

b. Nominations and Election for Executive Officers
   i. Jesse Kremenak nominates Katie Steen for Director of Nationals Affairs
      1. Rachel Bauer seconds
   ii. Jesse Kremenak nominates Laura Satkowski for Director of State Affairs
      1. Philip Gresham (Fine Arts): Seconded
   iii. VP Election
      1. Aashish Jagini
         a. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science): Comment in favor
      2. Rachel Bauer
         a. Alex Howe: Comment in favor
         b. Paul Hamilton (Philosophy): Comment in favor
      3. Rachel Bauer elected to VP

iv. Secretary Election
   1. Aashish Jagini

v. Director of Communications
   1. Matt McCune comments from Kristofferson Culmer:
      a. Hopes GA members will join the Communications committee.

vi. Director of National Affairs
   1. Katie Steen comments:
a. Director of ASUM and National Affairs committee member
b. Excited to continue and build on GradsHaveDebt2 campaign, open access, etc.
c. If you’re interested in the National Affairs Committee, email Katie or Jesse.

vii. Director of State Affairs
   1. Laura Satkowski comments:
      a. Soil Science student
      b. Will be working with Katie on open access
      c. Come to GradsHaveDebt2

viii. Director of Programming
   1. Yue Hao
      a. Looking forward to RCAF, working with fellow graduate students, and making sure everyone has a good time.

VIII. Old Business
   a. None

IX. New Business
   a. Guest Presentations
      i. Student Health Center
      ii. Library Fee: Matt Gaunt
   b. Funding Request
      i. Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association of the College of Veterinary Medicine
         1. Event: Friday, May 8th
         2. 7pm-11pm
         3. Open to all graduate/professional students.
         4. Attire: Great Gatsby
         5. Ticket information: $25/person, $45/couple
         6. Benefits the Josh project.
         7. The request was withdrawn since GPC does not fund events that charge the attendees.

Announcements & Upcoming Events
   ii. GradsHaveDebt2 National Call-Congress Day – April 8th
   iii. Family Friendly Movie Event – April 22nd
iv. General Assembly Appreciation Event – May 1st

c. Consideration of Mizzou Passion Project
   i. Asking for us to promote their message but not money.
   ii. Want a vote of affirmation to use name/logo to support the project.
   iii. Marcelius Braxton seconds motion.
   iv. Passed by affirmation

X. Open Forum
   a. Yue Hao
      i. Informatics Institute is holding symposium on April 27th/28th.
         1. Monday at Life Science Center
         2. Tuesday at Medical Center
         3. Deadline is April 10th.
         4. Google Missouri Informatics Symposium
   b. Kristofferson Culmer
      i. GradsHaveDebt2: Everyone needs to participate.
      ii. Take 10 minutes to make 3 calls.
   c. Mary-Kate
      i. Guns and Grubs: Saturday, May 16th
      ii. $45
   d. Hallie Thompson
      i. Officers meet after the meeting

XI. Adjournment
   a. Paul Hamilton motions to adjourn
      i. Philip Gresham (Fine Arts): Seconded
   b. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Attachments:
1. Powerpoint file for NAGPS update.
NAGPS Southcentral Regional Conference at the University of Arkansas

- MU Delegation:
  Matt McCune, Marcelius Braxton, Alex Howe, Katie Steen

- “Empowering Students through Student Advocacy and Lobbying (ASUM)”
  – Matt McCune and Katie Steen
Matt McCune, Elected  
Southcentral Regional Director of Legislative Affairs
Preparing for NAGPS Legislative Action Days (LAD)

GPC National Affairs Committee updated all fact-sheets for NAGPS

- Domestic Renewal of Student Visas
- Open Access to Federally Funded Research
- Student Loan Debt
- Higher Ed Funding

Domestic Revalidation of Student Visas

Graduate-Professional Student Loans

We urge you to sponsor and support legislation that would:

- REUNIFY the graduate and undergraduate loan rates to reverse current inequities
- REINSTATE the in-school interest subsidy for graduate-professional student loans

The average cumulative debt for a Master’s is $57,000 and is $75,000 for a doctoral degree. This figure increases to $146,000 for a professional degree, which is more than five times the average undergraduate debt load (approx. $29,000). (1)

Reunify Loan Rates

- The 2013-14 school year was the first time in history that graduate-professional students were charged a different interest rate than undergraduates for unsubsidized Stafford loans. This policy continues into the 2014-2015 school year.

Reinstate In-School Interest Subsidy

- Earning a Ph.D. takes an average of 7.5 years (2). Compounding interest from unsubsidized loans further swells the debt load, increasing monthly loan payments by $203 for students taking out the maximum Stafford Loan amount.

- According to Congressional Budget Office projections, the removal of the in-school interest subsidy will result in an increase of $10.3 billion in the debt burden of graduate-professional students over 10 years. (3)

Why This Matters

- When the federal government invests in graduate-professional education, the entire nation greatly benefits. (4)

- Graduate student loans are the safest investment of all student loans with a significantly lower default rate (6.6%), which is 5X smaller than the overall rate (18.4%). (5)

- The high cost of student loans prohibits graduate and professional students from being active participants in our struggling economy, preventing them from buying homes and starting small businesses. (6)

- Domestic enrollment in graduate education has seen a decline over the past several years. (7)

- Jobs requiring advanced degrees are expected to grow by at least 20% by 2020. (8)
NAGPS Advocacy Summit
March 20-22th

Organized by: Hallie Thompson, NAGPS Director of Legislative Affairs
Regulatory change that would allow renewal of student visas in the US
Domestic Renewal of Student Visas
Federal Legislation

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H.R.

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for renewal of certain nonimmigrant visas in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Graves of Missouri introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for renewal of certain nonimmigrant visas in the United States.

1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. RENEWAL OF CERTAIN NONIMMIGRANT VISAS

5 Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1212(c)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “Every alien”;

8 and
NAGPS Legislative Action Days (LAD)
March 23rd & 24th

S. Blunt
Rep. Clay
Rep. Wagner
Rep. Luetkemeyer
Rep. Hartzler
Rep. Cleaver
Rep. Graves
Rep. Long
Rep. Smith
Senate HELP Committee
House Ed Committee
Congress’s Current Higher Ed Priority

- Increase access to undergrad – at the expense of grad-prof students
  - Profiting off students, 77% net profit off grad-prof students
  - Tax Tuition Waivers
  - Repeal in-school interest deduction on student loans
  - Tax student loan forgiveness
GradsHaveDebt2
Call-Congress Day April 8th

• 10am – 4pm
• MU Student Center 2206A
• Bagels, Coffee, and Script are provided
• All Students Welcome

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