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Introduction to GPC
Mission Statement
The Graduate Professional Council (GPC) is the official democratic government for all graduate, professional, postdoctoral, and postbaccalaureate students at the University of Missouri. It represents the interests of these students and takes action to advocate for them.

Simply put, GPC is the main advocacy body (student government) for all graduate and professional students on the MU campus.
GPC Function (page 4)

GPC is organized into two main parts: the General Assembly and the Executive Board. The General Assembly is comprised of representatives from every graduate department as well as from each professional school.
The General Assembly debates and passes legislation, approves funding requests, and installs the Executive Officers among other things.

The Executive Board is made up of the GPC Executive Officers and serves to administer the organization and initiate advocacy action with University Administration and other campus partners.
When Does GPC Meet?

The General Assembly convenes on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM.

All meetings of the General Assembly will be held in 2501 MU Student Center (Leadership Auditorium) unless otherwise specified.

A special session may be called by majority vote of Executive Officers or of the General Assembly. All representatives will have adequate notice prior to a special session.
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Committees
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Internal Committees (pages 10-11)

In order to facilitate the operations of GPC, the General Assembly maintains several standing internal and external committees. These committees are designed to target specific, campus-wide issues that are of importance to the graduate and professional students.
Internal Committees (pages 10-11)

The Academic Affairs Committee
- Chairperson: Ms. Bauer

The Constitutional and Bylaws Review Committee
- Chairperson: Ms. Thompson

The Finance Committee
- Chairperson: Mr. Howe

The National Affairs Committee
- Chairperson: Ms. Steen

The Programming Committee
- Chairperson: Ms. Hao

The Student Affairs Committee
- Chairpersons: Mr. Jagini and Ms. Satkowski

The Communication Committee
- Chairperson: Mr. McCune
External Committees (page 12)

Budget Allocation Advisory Committee
Campus Facilities Planning Committee
Campus Parking and Transportation
Campus Recreation Committee
Campus Safety
Campus Space Utilization Committee
Capital Review Committee
Committee on Committees
Concerts
Energy Strategies Student Advisory Group
Environmental Affairs
Faculty Council Observer
Family Friendly Campus
Grievances
Intercollegiate Athletics
Lectures
Library
Minority Affairs
Missouri Unions
MSA Campus & Community Relations Committee

MSA Dept of Student Activities
MSA Dept of Student Communications
MSA Dept of Student Services
MSA Senate Liaison
MU Informational Technology
MU IT Transition Program
MU’s Strategic Operation Plan
Persons with Disabilities
Residence for Tuition Purposes
Residential Life
Status of Women
Student Conduct
Student Fee Capital Improvements
Student Fee Review Committee
Student Financial Aid
Student Health Services Advisory Council
Student Organizations Allocation Committee
Student Organizations, Governments, and Activities
Student Publications
Traffic Appeals
Veterans Affairs
Travel Awards/Funding Requests
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GPC will award around $50,000 in travel awards this year to MU graduate and professional students. The award is designed to assist MU graduate and professional students who are representing the University of Missouri by presenting research papers, posters or creative works at conferences.
Travel Awards (page 13)

Travel Funding Applications are considered in three separate periods based on your time of travel. Each application may be awarded a range of $200-$600, in increments of $100. See below for the application periods, packet materials, and submission instructions.

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<th>Ending Date of Travel</th>
<th>Application Due</th>
<th>Awards Announced</th>
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<td>Oct 10, 2015 – Apr 16, 2016</td>
<td>Feb 5, 2016 at 5:00PM</td>
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Each month, the GPC General Assembly provides funding to events across campus that benefit graduate and professional students. By increasing the visibility of these funding opportunities, GPC has set a record for both the number of organizations funded and the amount of funding provided.

**Maximum Awards**
Events with a limited or restricted audience (graduate department organizations or graduate centered organizations) are eligible for up to $250 to cover programming and publicity fees. The amount awarded depends on the quality of the proposed use and availability of funds. Events open to all graduate and professional students, and which have broad interest, are eligible for up to $600.

**Application Process**
The treasurer will read your request and pass it to the other members of the Finance Committee. The treasurer may contact you if the committee has further questions. As soon as all questions have been answered to the committee’s satisfaction, the Finance Committee will let you know if you’ve been selected to appear before the GPC General Assembly and give a short presentation about your funding request.
GradsHaveDebt2

**Goals:** Inform and educate federal lawmakers, and increase public awareness about graduate-professional student loan issues, in order to accomplish the following:

- **Reinstate** Subsidized Stafford Loans
- **Reunify** Student Interest Rates

**Participate**
- Facebook.com/GradsHaveDebt2 and @GradsHaveDebt2
- Contact Congress Events
- GPC National Affairs Committee
Representative Expectations
(page 5)
All GPC Representatives are expected to:

Make themselves accessible to the graduate and professional students in their respective departments, divisions, or professional schools (p. 4).

Remain in Good Standing: Attend monthly General Assembly meetings or to send a proxy in their place if they cannot attend (pp. 9).

Give regular reports of GPC activity to the students of their respective departments, divisions, or professional schools.

Consistently participate as a member of at least one GPC internal standing committee (pp. 10-11).
All GPC Representatives are expected to:

Consistently participate as a member of at least one campus external committee; committee descriptions can be found at http://committees.missouri.edu (p. 12).

Attend GPC events whenever possible, both social and advocacy-related (p. 9)

Familiarize themselves with the Quick Motion Guide of Robert’s Rules of Order (p. 22).

Assist in the appointment of another representative from their department, division, or professional school should they graduate, choose not to return, or step down from their appointment.

Abide by the University of Missouri Standard of Conduct and maintain good standing with their department, division, or professional school.
Explanation of Good Standing

• Good standing for a Representative shall be defined as follows:
  – (i) attending, or having a proxy attend, the majority of General Assembly meetings each semester, and
  – (ii) attending and actively participating in the majority of committee meetings per semester OR adequately fulfilling the committee responsibilities in a manner approved by the committee chair.

• Represented Areas (departments, divisions, schools) are in “good standing” provided that a Representative for the Represented Area, or a proxy, has attended the majority of GPC General Assembly Meetings during the previous semester.
Good Standing and Funding

i. Organizations wholly within a Represented Area that is in “good standing” are eligible for GPC group funding (co-programming), and individual students in the Represented Area are eligible for 100% of the maximum GPC travel award.

ii. Organizations wholly within a Represented Area that is not in “good standing” are not eligible for GPC group funding (co-programming), and individual students in the Represented Area are eligible for at most 50% of the maximum GPC travel award.
Parliamentary Procedure Overview
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Parliamentary Procedure (pages 16-17)

Order of Business
• Call to Order
• Approval of the Minutes
• Approval of the Agenda
• Officer Reports
• Committee Reports
• Liaison Reports
• Special Orders
• Old Business
• New Business
• Open Forum
• Adjournment

Helpful terms to know
• Chair
• Chamber
• Floor
• Motion
• “Out of Order”
• Referendum
• Resolution
• Second
• Table
• Yield
Parliamentary Procedure (pages 18-21)

Gain the attention of the Chair

• “Mister/Madame Chair”
• *Remember to say your name and department*

Wait to be recognized

• “The Chair recognizes the representative”
• *Unless it is an incidental motion (no need to gain the floor)*

Make your motion/statement

• “I move…” or “I raise a point of…” or other
Common Motions (page 22)

- Motion to adjourn
- Motion to recess
- Point of privilege!
- Orders of the day!
- Motion to table
- Motion to refer to committee
- Motion to amend
- Motion to indefinitely postpone
- Point of order!
- Motion to appeal the decision from the chair
- Motion to suspend the rules
- Division!
- Point of information!
Thank you for coming and welcome to GPC!

General Assembly will begin at 6:00pm in this room.