I. Introduction by Julian
   Under the adoption of the agenda, Susan Manuel was added to the list.
   Definition: GPC represents the graduate/professional students.
   MSA represents the undergraduate students.

II. MSA President: Susan Manuel
   - Distributed MSA handbooks
   - Explained about the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of MSA
   - The judicial branch works closely with GPC. Under the Articles of Cooperation, GPC allocates 60% of its budget to MSA, which amounts to approximately $70,000. MSA described some of their activities (concerts) and issues (switching funding for LGBT Resource Center from MSA to the University).

III. Orientation
   President: Adam Brown explained the purpose of GPC
   1) as a lobbying organization
   2) to provide services and events
   - the role of the officers is to commit to issues that graduate and professional students have.
   - GPC will now change from being an organization about committees, to an organization concerned with issues.
   - we want the representatives to:
     a. bring your own agenda in with you to each meeting.
     b. find out what your constituents want, and let GPC know
     c. get involved and be committed to doing a great job!

Vice President: Julian
   - his role concerns helping out Adam with student issues, filling vacancies on committees, and being the nervous guy who runs the meetings.

Treasurer: Dehlia Garcia
   - her role is budget related, heading financial committees
   - Travel awards are due October 13 (the original date is wrong)
   - Each award is $50-$200

Secretary: Kristin Campbell
   - her role is to turn illegible scrawl into minutes for all member to read
   - to keep members informed of meetings
   - Turn in your locator sheet, pleaz!

Publicity: Gabriel Grant
   - MIA
Web Master “DAVE”
-wants the web site to serve as a main avenue for students to exchange information
-do away with SNAIL MAIL!
-reminded reps. that they can go to the web site to print off forms such as Travel Awards, Articles of Cooperation, and to post announcements pertaining to departmental events, seminar series, etc.
-Let him know if you have any ideas

IV. Julian speaks again
-What it means to be a GPC representative….letting your constituents know what’s happening on campus
-GPC officers need to know what issues concern graduate/professional students
   i.e. What exactly is MSA using that $70,000 for???
   Issues concerning health insurance

V. ASUM (Associated Students of University of Missouri)
Adam Kerr: “ASUM represents students to the law makers in Jefferson City. The Board of Directors toll the lobbyists for ASUM what to lobby for. Issues passed include tax removal on all text books. ASUM do not give out donations to lawmakers. They let the students issues be known, and have the power support or kill legislation.”
-Board of Directors position needs to be appointed.
-Adam Kerr nominates himself. He dominates the elections and is named the ASUM Board of Directors Representative.

VI. P-I-Z-Z-A           B-R-E-A-K  !!!!!!!!

VI. The Health Insurance Scandal…..by Adam Brown
-the health insurance plan that was just implemented, subsidizes research/teaching assistants

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-GPC would like the plan to be scaled up to…..

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Discussion
The Floor: “the new plan is worthless to chemistry students unless they can put their spouses on it.”
English Dept: ..very unsatisfied with what was agreed to. They suggested starting a union
Consensus: Everyone had heard about the health plan, but agreed that there was not much information available on it.
GPC: The health plan will be sent via e-mail

Student Unionization….

**Discussion**

Floor: …worried that the administration won’t recognize or deal with a union
- you would have to get every student on board in order to be effective
- fragmented groups won’t work
- we would need at least 50% of students to join
- would need support of professors
- professors are unable to unionize because they exercise managerial functions
- GPC represents 4100 grad/prof. Students
- we are here to earn degrees at the mercy of the administration. Will we throw our degrees away just because we don’t get health insurance? Probably not.
- the English Dept. is here to work for the University and their work load is comparable to fauctly’s.

**Discussion**

- GSA has a bigger budget and serves all of the same functions that GPC does. The only difference is that GSA meets more often
- Andrew hates merging! Are the Articles of Cooperation necessary? We are separate so that one can pick up where the other has left off. We need to come to a compromise
- Gabriel….1 collected body is more powerful than two separate bodies. It is important for the right hand to know what the left hand is doing. There is no need for two separate entities to represent one body.
- Floor: Do the interests of grad students differ than from those of professional students?
  - They are all pretty much the same.
  - What can’t we combine meetings and keep separate agendas?
  - It is a hassle for some reps. to attend to separate meetings.

**VII. Events:** Julian

- Gabriel Grant is introduced
  - she is the Publicity/Programming Coordinator
  - discussed past events such as volleyball, basketball tournaments, pub tour, etc.
  - noted that the people who attended the monthly graduate gatherings have increased in number
    - would like feedback on whether or not grad gatherings should be monthly or once a semester

**Discussion**

- if you miss one grad gathering, at least you can go to the next one.
- Dave wants salt crackers and Kool-Aid (in reference to if one grad gathering is really large, the following will have been outshined)
- Question: Grad students need to be exposed to other grad students. Are there any other activities to exchange knowledge besides grad gatherings?
- Answer: RCAF (Research Creative Activities Forum) is a good place to exchange knowledge, so are meetings. However, RCAF is more like a mini symposium.
-It is better to meet more frequently in order to build relationships. It is what you make of it. It is in the social events where the best science is discussed.
-We need to make these grad gatherings more family orientated.
Vote on whether to make the grad gatherings monthly or bi-annually.
The majority voted on monthly gatherings (22 votes to 5).
Dave will send out an email when we would like them to take place.
How about Fridays, 3pm-6pm…need feedback.
The gatherings will probably be held at different departments.

In the interest of time, we will have more discussion on this later and skip the old business.

Announcements:
Who wants to play volleyball????
A group meets on Thursdays, from 4/4/30ish until 7pm (or on Wednesdays, if there is a GPC meeting).
The group has some issues to discuss about the Rec. Center next time….

Support for Safety March, next Thursday at Stankowski Field
Assembly at 5:15pm; march at 6:30pm.

Anyone who would like to be on a committee, please talk to Julian.

Motion to adjourn, 6:17pm.

See you on October 5!