I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Vice President Julian Andebrhan.

II. **Adoption of the Agenda.** The agenda was adopted with an additional discussion item dealing with the funding of a new basketball arena.

III. **Discussion Items.**

A. **SOAC.** Roy Sundermeyer, chair of the Student Organization Allocation Committee (SOAC), presented guidelines for receiving funding from SOAC. A SOAC information sheet was distributed to assembly members. Organizations receiving SOAC funding cannot be receiving other University monies. This excluded the medical conference discussed at the November meeting from receiving SOAC funds. SOAC is funded primarily through student activity fees.

B. **GPC/MSA Articles of Cooperation.** The proposed changes to the GPC/MSA Articles of Cooperation were pending before the MSA Senate, with action expected to take place soon.

C. **GPC/GSA Articles of Cooperation.** Concern was expressed with difficulties that could be encountered in attempting to merge the travel award programs of both organizations into one program. This merger will likely not occur. Further meetings between the GPC and GSA to develop articles of cooperation will occur during Winter Semester 2001. A proposal from Dean Suzanne Ortega of the Graduate School for the reduction in the number of Gold Chalk Awards given by GPC and graduate student awards given by GSA was presented. Strong sentiment was expressed for not reducing the number of Gold Chalk Awards from the current nine awards, as the prestige of the award is not in the number awarded or a cash prize being attached to it, but in the fact that the nominations come from graduate students. This will be shared with Dean Ortega. Concern for the reduction of graduate student awards will be shared with GSA.

D. **Jesse Auditorium Fee.** MSA is looking at passing a resolution for the removal of the Jesse Auditorium fee from the student activity fees, because student organizations must compete with University activities such as the Concert Series for use of the facility. MSA would like our support in this effort.
E. Student Assistant Vacancy. A new student assistant will need to be hired for Winter Semester 2001. The position is for 15 hours per week and pays $7.00 per hour. General Assembly members were encouraged to recommend candidates. Applications are available on the GPC website and in A022 Brady Commons.

F. Basketball Arena. A $25 million donation was received by the University for the construction of a new basketball arena. The University is seeking an additional $35 million in bonds from the state. MSA passed a resolution in support of the facility as long as it did not raise student fees. President Adam Brown asked assembly members to take this issue up with their constituents prior to the next General Assembly meeting.

IV. Action Items.

A. Holiday Party. The GPC holiday party is scheduled for Saturday, December 9, 2000 in the Walt Disney Room in the Memorial Union. A large amount of food has been ordered and all representatives are asked to encourage their constituents to attend. Posters were distributed for display in graduate departments.

B. Graduate Gatherings. It was suggested that graduate gatherings be reinstated for Winter Semester 2001, as they are a cost effective way for graduate students to network.

C. Officer Positions. Gabrielle Grant submitted her resignation as Programming and Publicity Coordinator effective December 31, 2000. President Adam Brown distributed a letter outlining reasons for asking for the resignation of Secretary Kristin Campbell. A motion was passed authorizing the President and Vice President to appoint new personnel to these positions.

V. Officer Reports.

A. Vice President Julian Andebrhan noted that there are still several vacancies on faculty/student committees. He has asked GSA to help recruit potential members for these committees. The committees with open positions are listed on the GPC website.

B. Treasurer Delia Garcia reminded the Assembly to send announcements to the webmaster to be posted on the website.
VI. Announcements.

A. Potential Changes in SOGA Group Recognition. Bob Watts, GPC Representative to Student Organizations, Governments and Activities (SOGA), noted the possibility of changing the minimum number of members for a group to be recognized by SOGA from 5 to 15 members, mainly to reduce staff work. Concern was expressed that the number of members of a group may not be the best way to judge a groups value, as some small groups may be very active while larger groups may not be that active.

B. Writing Center. Concern was expressed that the Writing Center is not available to graduate students. Some constituents feel it is important that the center be accessible to graduate students.

C. Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) has approved its legislative policy for the coming legislative year.

D. Volleyball. Julian Andebrhan announced volleyball for graduate students is ongoing at the Rec Center on Thursdays beginning at 4:00 PM. This is open to ALL graduate students.