I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice President Julian Andebrhan.

II. **Adoption of Agenda and Previous Minutes.**

   A. Adoption of Agenda. A motion was passed to adopt the agenda with the additions of adopting the minutes of the December 6, 2000 meeting and the approval of newly appointed officers.

   B. Adoption of Previous Minutes. A motion passed to adopt the minutes of General Assembly Meeting of December 6, 2000.

III. **Brief Orientation and Approval of New Officers.**

   A. Approval of New Officers. A motion was passed to approve the appointment of Lamara Warren as Publicity and Programming Coordinator and Stephen Allen as Secretary for Winter Semester 2001 by acclamation.

   B. Brief Orientation. Julian Andebrhan explained the role of GPC as the student government for all graduate and professional students at MU. President Adam Brown discussed the role of committees and issues GPC is currently addressing. The other officers introduced themselves and briefly explained their roles in GPC.

IV. **Discussion Items.**

   A. Referendum on Graduate Student Priorities. Adam Brown presented a rough outline of a potential survey to be used to assess the priorities of graduate students on campus and help us direct the efforts undertaken by GPC. He asked for feedback from the General Assembly as to the form’s content. Questions dealing with health insurance involve the possible addition of supplemental coverages to the current coverage. Cost numbers are currently unavailable for the supplemental coverages. Dean of the Graduate School Suzanne Ortega suggested a need to get a better idea of graduate student satisfaction with the feedback they get from their departments and professors.
B. Research and Creative Activities Forum (RCAF). The RCAF provides an opportunity for graduate and professional students to present research and creative works in nine categories and be judged for prizes. Lamara Warren presented an update for the 2001 RCAF scheduled for March 10, 2001. Abstracts for entries are being accepted until February 14. The total length for each presentation is 15 minutes. The presentations will be followed by a banquet. Lamara asked that people interested in helping with the RCAF and chairing sessions meet with her after the meeting adjourned to committees. Flyers were available for distribution.

V. Action Items.

Gold Chalk Awards. Stephen Allen discussed the results of a meeting with Dean Ortega at which he and Adam Brown expressed concerns discussed by the General Assembly on December 6, 2000 in reference to the reduction in the number of Gold Chalk Awards presented by the GPC in order to increase the prestige of the award and include a cash prize. She agreed that the primary prestige of the award is that the nominations and selections are carried out by graduate students and that the number of awards should not be reduced. The Graduate School will present a single award, possibly using the Gold Chalk winners as a selection field. Andrew Kerr expressed opposition to this possibility. Julian Andebrhan provided an update on planning for the current Gold Chalk Awards. The Awards will be presented on April 16, 2001 with a banquet beginning at 6:00 PM at the Alumni Center and a presentation ceremony beginning at 7:00 PM. The deadline for submitting nominations is March 16, 2001. The nomination form is available on the GPC website. Julian also mentioned the need for members to serve on the selection committee to choose winners once all nominations have been submitted.

VI. Officer Reports.

A. President Adam Brown. Adam reported that the Missouri Student Association (MSA) had passed the proposed changes to the MSA/GPC Articles of Cooperation at their Senate meeting on February 7, 2001. These include a reduction from 60% to 50% of the GPC’s student activity fee funds being transferred from GPC to MSA to fund cosponsored activities. This will result in $8000 more being available in the GPC budget each year. Other changes involve increasing communication between the two organizations. GPC will vote on these changes at the March 7, 2001 General Assembly meeting. Copies of the changes will be included in the agenda packet. Adam noted the importance of serving on GPC committees as well as in filling GPC seats on Faculty-Student Committees. He also announced the special presentation from Recreational Services, as renovation to recreational facilities will impact student fees in the future.
B. Publicity and Programming Coordinator Lamara Warren.

1. Lamara mentioned the Back to School Happy Hour being held on Friday, February 9, 2001 in the Voodoo Lounge at TP’s from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Drinks and refreshments are free. All graduate and professional students are welcome.

2. Lamara mentioned the possibility of re-instituting Graduate Gatherings, with March 16 as a possible date. Andrew Kerr will look into the possibility of holding the gathering in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

C. Vice President Julian Andebrhan. Julian announced a vote taken by the Graduate Faculty Senate at their last meeting that will create a policy that only six hours beyond the masters degree can be transferred from another institution to a doctoral program at MU. This will become policy for students entering in Fall Semester 2001 and will be grandfathered for students admitted prior to that time. Julian will do more research on this policy and the representatives were asked to gather input from constituents prior to GPC taking any further action on this issue.

D. Webmaster David Bourdon. David noted that events of interest to graduate students can be posted on the “Announcements” section of the GPC website if the information is forwarded to David.

VII. Announcements.

A. Intercollegiate Athletic Committee (IAC). Andrew Kerr, GPC Representative to the IAC, noted that he would be taking concerns mentioned in GPC meetings to the IAC meeting scheduled for the following week. The new basketball arena is slated to be a discussion topic.

B. Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM). Andrew Kerr, GPC representative to ASUM, said that ASUM will be leading the charge against parental notification. ASUM will be monitoring any legislation that comes up for graduate student health insurance, but with the impending flat state budget, this type of legislation is not likely.

C. GPC Volleyball. Julian mentioned that due to scheduling problems, volleyball is in a state of flux at present. Those interested in participating should e-mail Julian to get on the list to receive updates.

VIII. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn the General Assembly meeting was passed at 6:44 PM. GPC committees met at this time.
IX. Special Presentation-Recreation Services

Director of Recreation Services Diane Dahlmann, Associate Director Dan Shipp and Facilities Manager Bob Osman made a presentation on the proposed changes and renovations to the existing Recreation Services facilities. This was the same presentation given to the Chancellor in November 2000 and has been given to numerous student groups on campus since that time. The current facilities are aging and difficult to maintain and do not provide adequate space for the increases in demands for Rec. Services programs that have occurred in recent years. There are four potential phases to this project:

- **Phase I** - expansion of space for fitness training and addition of equipment.
- **Phase II** - air conditioning for all indoor spaces and replacement of the locker rooms in Rothwell Gym which date to 1905.
- **Phase III** - replace current natatorium with a new recreational pool.
- **Phase IV** - install a competitive pool.

There will be no state money contributed to this project, so student fees will be used to cover the costs of the project. Thus students will determine the final shape of the project and Rec. Services is not asking for endorsement of the project, but for endorsement of the process of informing students so that better decisions can be made. Each phase will have an impact on the current student fees earmarked for Rec. Services ($38.99 per semester) as follows:

- **Phase I**: $38.99 + $9.48 = $48.47 per semester.
- **Phase II**: $38.99 + $20.65 = $59.64 per semester.
- **Phase III**: $38.99 + $33.29 = $72.28 per semester.
- **Phase IV**: $38.99 + $72.19 = $111.18 per semester.

Surveys were mailed to a cross-section of students to determine what priorities should be. Student fees for Rec. Services will not increase until the opening of the new facilities, and will increase to the level to which the project is completed. The earliest opening of new facilities would be in August 2004, before which no fee increases will occur. Any input on the process we contribute may not affect us directly, but will influence the fees paid by future graduate and professional students.