I. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Vice President Julian Andebrhan.

II. **Adoption of Agenda.** A motion was passed to adopt the agenda with a change to drop Discussion Item B, Brady Commons Expansion.

III. **Adoption of Minutes.** A motion was passed to adopt the minutes of the March 7, 2001 General Assembly Meeting without amendments.

IV. **Discussion Items.**

   A. Nomination of officers for 2001-2002. Nominations were opened for officers to serve for the 2001-2002 academic year. The following nominations were received:
      - President: Jeffrey Sable
      - Vice President: Lamara Warren
      - Secretary: Stephen Allen
      No nominations were received for Treasurer or Publicity and Programming Coordinator. A motion passed to close nominations. Nominations will be reopened prior to the elections at the May 2 General Assembly Meeting.

V. **Action Items.**

   A. Travel Scholarships. Treasurer Delia Garcia presented the list of Winter Semester travel scholarship winners as selected by the Finance Committee. A total of 70 applications were received and 48 applicants were selected. A total of $6171 was distributed in scholarships ranging from $40 to the maximum of $200. A motion was passed to approve the list of scholarship winners as presented.

   B. 2001-2002 GPC Budget. Treasurer Delia Garcia presented the proposed budget for the 2001-2002 academic year. The total income was estimated at $136,810.26. Of this, $124,000 will come from student activity fees and the rest is rollover of unspent 2000-2001 funds. Half of the student activity fee income will go to MSA based on the amended Articles of Cooperation. There will be additional funding for travel scholarships in the new budget. RCAF will no longer be receiving $5000 from MSA, but
will still be receiving $5000 from the Graduate School for prize money. A motion was made to approve the 2001-2002 budget. The motion passed by a vote of 14 for and 0 against with no abstentions.

C. Special Events. Because the Administration expects student organizations to carry over about 2% of their budgets each year and GPC has historically carried over a much larger proportion of its budget, several special activities were suggested to reduce our budget carryover for next year.

1. Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN). RAIN is sponsoring Rae Lewis-Thornton as a guest speaker on April 27 to address issues of AIDS and adequate health insurance for graduate students to cover serious illnesses. Adam Brown proposed GPC spend $5000 to help sponsor this event. A 2/3 vote was needed to approve spending greater than 4% of the GPC budget. A resolution (Resolution 2001-3) to support this event with $5000 passed with 14 votes for and 0 votes against with no abstentions.

2. Greek Week. Lamara Warren proposed donating $1000 to Greek Week to benefit the 8 charities supported by Greek Week. Concern was expressed that monetary charity is a personal issue and group charity should be achieved through action. A motion was made to support Lamara’s proposal but died for lack of a second.

3. Academic Needs Grants. A suggestion was made to utilize $5000 to support academic needs grants. The grants could be used to support the acquisition of equipment that would directly benefit graduate students by academic departments (up to $500) or graduate student travel (up to $200). Tom Neill made a motion for a resolution (Resolution 2001-4) to spend $5000 on academic needs grants. A 2/3 vote was required to pass the resolution because it would spend more than 4% of the GPC budget. The resolution passed with a vote of 13 for and 0 against with no abstentions. Proposals are due on April 20, and the Finance Committee will present its recommendations at the May 2 General Assembly Meeting.

VI. Officer Reports.

A. Programming and Publicity. Lamara announced that RCAF prize allotments would be paid when all the required papers were received from first through third place winners. The Graduate School administration prefers that a single list of recipients be presented for easier processing. As of this meeting, 12 papers have been received while 13 have not. A graduate outing is being planned for Friday, April 27. The next Graduate
Gathering is scheduled for Thursday April 12 at the Anheuser-Busch Natural Resources Building, sponsored by the Forestry Department. It will be held outside in the courtyard if the weather is nice. The drawing for the May Graduate Gathering was won by the Bioengineering Department.

B. President. Adam Brown noted that the results of the Rec Center survey were due out on April 5 and he will put out the information. There was no new information on health insurance, with a meeting with administrators scheduled for April 6. Adam asked people to consider running for office so the elections would be more competitive.

C. Vice President. Julian Andebrhan noted that the Gold Chalk notification Date was April 6, not March 22 as posted on the website. The Gold Chalk banquet is scheduled for Monday April 16 at 6:30 at the Alumni Center with a buffet style dinner.

VII. Announcements. Jennifer Munroe distributed flyers for the Veterinary Medicine Golf Tournament to be held on June 2.

VIII. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was passed at 7:15 PM.