Graduate Professional Council
General Assembly Meeting
November 6, 2001
Minutes

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by President David Megee.

II. Adoption of Agenda. A motion to adopt the agenda as printed passed.

III. Adoption of Minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes of the September 4, 2001 meeting and the October 2, 2001 meeting as printed passed.

IV. New Business.

   A. A scheduled presentation from Summer Welcome staff did not occur.

   B. Patrick Steward, president of the History Graduate Student Association, presented a request for funding for a graduate seminar on Environment and Social Action to be held on Saturday, March 9, 2002. Activities will include panel discussions and keynote speaker Dr. Donald Wooster of the University of Kansas, a renowned expert on human-nature interactions. The History GSA has raised about half of the $1800 needed to fund this event.

   C. Travel Scholarships. Treasurer Sarah Malia presented the guidelines used by the Finance Committee to evaluate travel scholarship applications. She then presented the list of 26 winners for the Fall Semester awards. Awards ranged from $100 to $200 with the exception of one specific request for 53.75. A total of $4203.75 was granted out of an amount of $5000 set for the Fall Semester. The remaining money will be applied to Winter Semester awards. A motion to accept the list of recipients for the Fall Semester as presented passed.

V. Action Items.

   A. Funding of History GSA Request. The Finance Committee reviewed the funding application of the History GSA and recommended funding the event in the amount of $200-$300. There was $2800 left for funding requests prior to this current request. A motion to appropriate $300 to support the History GSA symposium funding request passed.

   B. Committee Seat Appointments. David Megee discussed the committee list and asked for nominations to fill GPC seats on campus standing committees. A motion passed to accept the nomination of Tom Neill to the Campus Parking Committee passed. Andrew Kerr made a motion that all unopposed candidates to fill seats be accepted without a vote. This motion passed. Jeremy Young noted
the importance of filling these seats, as this is the only way to provide graduate input to these committees.

The following seats were filled without votes:

Minority Affairs: Robin Mabry-Hubbard
Student Fee Capital Improvements (2 Seats): Lamara Warren, Stephen Allen
Environmental Affairs (3 seats): Thomas Faust, Bob Watts, Marissa Ahlering
Hearnes Center: Andrew Kerr
Student Conduct (2 seats): James McBain, Vincent Filak
SOGA: Bob Watts
Lewis & Clark Commemoration: Stephen Allen
Academic Assessment: Laura Duffy
Campus Planning: Rebecca Ory-Hernandez
Campus Recreation: Jason Smith
Campus Safety: Angie Miller
Concerts: Rachel Popelka
Intercollegiate Athletics: Andrew Kerr
Lectures: Bob Watts
Library: Smita Yadav
Traffic Appeals: David Coberly
Student Publications: Vincent Filak

Candidates for contested seats were allowed to make one-minute speeches. The following seats were filled by election:

Information Technology (1 seat): Aric Krogstad (17 votes), Jeremy Young (8)
Status of Women (1 seat): Rachel Popelka (16 votes), Kim Suedkamp Wells (7), Jackie McGrath (4), Sarah Barnhart (1)
ASUM (1 seat): Khalil Smith (12 votes), Andrew Kerr (10)

The following committees still have open seats: Persons with Disabilities, Residential Life, Residence for Tuition Purposes, Committee on Committees, Student Unions.

VII. Old Business. No old business was transacted.

VIII. Officer Reports.

A. President. David Megee noted some of the logic behind the potential printer fees for campus computer labs included increased operating costs and the hope that a fee would cut down on paper use in the labs.

B. Treasurer. Sarah Malia noted that in the future, ABD doctoral students would be limited to $150 on travel scholarships because $250 per ABD student is available through the Graduate School. The form will be revised to reflect
this next semester.

C. Programming and Publicity. Pritish Tosh noted that the October Graduate Gathering was well-attended. The next gathering is scheduled for Friday, December 7, 2001 in the Medical School lobby and will be hosted by the Genetics Area Program.

IX. Announcements. Tom Neill encouraged representatives to advise him of any parking issues affecting our constituents.

X. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn passed at 7:07 PM.