Graduate Professional Council
General Assembly Meeting
February 5, 2002
Minutes

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Vice President Lamara Warren.

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 December 4, 2002 meeting as printed passed.

IV. New Business.

A. Guest Presentation by John McHale, MU Graduate Student Association President and Doctoral Student in the Department of Communication, asking for GPC support for the appearance of Dr. Lawrence Frey at MU. Dr. Frey will speak on how research can promote justice in the AIDS field. The presentation will be of interest to graduate students in a number of fields that work with AIDS. There is currently $540 committed to this event from other organizations. Some questions were raised about some of the travel costs associated with this event.

B. Travel Scholarship applications are due March 8, 2002. Applications are available on line and in the Center for Student Involvement. Winners will be announced on April 12.

V. Action Items.

A. Funding Request. The Finance Committee recommended funding the request made by Mr. McHale in an amount between $300 and $500. A motion was made to fund the request in the amount of $400. This motion passed with 18 votes in favor and 5 votes against.

VI. Old Business. No old business was transacted.

VII. Officer Reports.

A. President. A 10% funding cut is on the table for the University System for Fiscal Year 2003. This will amount to $28 million for the MU campus. Most academic programs should be safe, and most cuts should be handled through attrition of staff.

   IATS is conducting a trial run of software to collect data on student use to develop a policy on charges for use of computer lab printers. Glen Trammell of IATS will attend the General Assembly meeting on March 5.
An insurance survey for graduate and professional students will be posted online in 2 weeks. This survey is being supported by the Graduate School and the graduate organizations including GPC. We should encourage all our constituents to fill it out.

Rollins Society, the graduate tap day honorary society sponsored by GPC, will accept applications through the end of March. Tap day is scheduled for April 12. Previous inductees are discussing how to handle the event this year.

Application materials are available for the Anderson Awards for graduate teaching and research.

B. Programming and Publicity. There will be a Graduate Gathering in late March.

The Research and Creative Activities Forum (RCAF) will be held on March 16, 2002. Flyers and applications were handed out. This event provides a good opportunity to rehearse presentations for major conferences and compete for cash prizes. There were a number of questions on the requirement to submit a “paper,” which basically entails submitting a written form of the presentation.

C. Treasurer. The budget process for the 2002-2003 academic year begins at the end of February.

D. Vice President. The Gold Chalk Awards recognize significant contributions by faculty to the education and training of graduate and professional students. All currently enrolled graduate and professional students may nominate faculty members for these awards. A sign-up sheet was circulated for people to sign up for the Gold Chalk committee. April 12 and 26 were noted as busy days for the veterinary school, and a request was made to avoid Wednesdays. The consensus was that we would try to hold the banquet on a Thursday. A request was made from the floor that committee members who are nominators or are in the department of a nominated faculty member excuse themselves from the selection meeting while a decision on that faculty member is made. This will be done.

VIII. Announcements.

A. An e-mail from ASUM representative Khalil Smith was sent to the GPC Representatives. Contact the secretary if you did not receive it.

B. A search committee for a new Vice Provost for Research needs a graduate member.

C. Encourage constituents to attend the IATS presentation at the March General Assembly meeting.
D. Think about running for office or sitting on a committee for the 2002-2003 academic year.

IX. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn passed at 6:49 PM.