Graduate Professional Council  
General Assembly Meeting  
May 7, 2002  
Minutes

I. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 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 April 2, 2002 General Assembly meeting as printed was passed.

IV. New Business.

A. Funding Request. Mike Lenza presented a funding request for Multicultural Community Hours. These events are held on a weekly basis at Memorial Union and provide an opportunity for casual interaction for graduate and professional students of all backgrounds. There are also several get-together meals sponsored throughout the year. Funding so far has come through GSA, Program for Excellence in Teaching and the International Center. The University budget crunch may have an impact on funding for next year. The total budget for the program includes $2100 for 28 weekly meetings throughout the academic year, $800 for four luncheons and $300 for advertising. The funding request from GPC is $1500. The GPC name will be included in the event name if funding is approved.

B. Travel Scholarships. Treasurer Sarah Malia presented the Finance Committee recommendations for the third round of travel scholarships. A total of $2975 was awarded to 24 students. The maximum award for this round was set at $175 for all except ABD, which had a $125 maximum award.

V. Action Items.

A. Funding Request. Concern was expressed about the large sum requested for the Multicultural Community Hours, about twice the largest recent request. A response was that we spent that much on our recent public relations efforts. Some concern was expressed that some of the funding for the events was coming from University-funded programs such as PET. There is $1700 left in the general funding account and the Finance Committee generally supported this request and recommended funding it in the amount of $500. A motion to fund the request in the amount of $500 passed.

B. Travel Scholarships. A motion to approve the awarding of travel scholarships as recommended by the Finance Committee passed.
C. Nominations and Elections of 2002-2003 Officers. Vice President Lamara Warren announced the ground rules for officer nominations. Nominators would be allowed to make speeches on behalf of the candidates, then the candidates would be allowed to speak. Candidates would then be required to field questions from the assembly. Votes for all contested positions would be counted by Dr. Jeff Zeilenga, GPC Advisor. Balloting was by secret ballot.

Nominations were opened for President. Andrew Kerr nominated Jillian Lane. David Megee nominated Pritish Tosh. A motion to close nominations passed. Ballots were collected and counted, and Pritish Tosh was elected GPC President for the 2002-2003 year.

Nominations were opened for Vice President. Lamara Warren nominated Steve Allen. A motion to close nominations was passed. A motion to approve Steve Allen as Vice President for the 2002-2003 year by acclamation passed.

Nominations were opened for Treasurer. David Megee nominated Sarah Malia. A motion to close nominations passed. A motion to approve Sarah Malia as Treasurer for the 2002-2003 year by acclamation passed.

Nominations were opened for Programming and Publicity Coordinator. April Orsborn nominated Ann Newman. Lamara Warren nominated Jillian Lane. A motion to close nominations passed. Ballots were collected and counted, and Jillian Lane was elected Publicity and Programming Coordinator for the 2002-2003 year.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Steve Allen nominated Marissa Ahlering. Sarah Malia nominated Laurie Sonnier. Ann Newman nominated April Orsborn. A motion to close nominations passed. Ballots were collected and counted, and April Orsborn was elected Secretary for the 2002-2003 year.

VI. Old Business. No old business was transacted.

VII. Officer Reports.

A. President. David Megee said it had been an honor to serve as GPC President for 2001-2002 and thanked advisor Jeff Zeilenga for his efforts on our behalf. There will be a departmental exception for TA’s who have to use computer labs to print materials for their departmental teaching assignments and the departments will have to deal with paying for this. Data analysis for the Graduate School insurance survey has begun.

B. Publicity and Programming. Pritish Tosh noted there was a good turnout at the April graduate gathering help at Brady Commons and sponsored by the Department of German and Russian Studies. There will be no gathering in May due to final exams and not much time left in the semester.
C. Vice President. Lamara Warren recognized graduating students who had made contributions to GPC. These students include Dave Coberly, Bob Watts, Stephanie Powell-Watts, Andrew Kerr, Gordon Shaw and Lamara Warren.

D. The Treasurer, Secretary and Webmaster had no reports.

VIII. Announcements.

A. Lamara Warren noted the need to fill committee seats for the 2002-2003 academic year to insure that graduate and professional voices are heard.

B. A list was provided to get summer e-mail addresses for representatives who could be contacted if any important business had to be handled over the summer.

C. Information Technology Committee Representative Aric Krogstad noted that IATS had settled on a 500 page printer limit for the academic year in campus computer labs, and 7 cents per page would be charged beyond 500 pages.

D. Dr. Jeff Zeilenga was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service as GPC Advisor. He encouraged greater involvement through committee membership to insure graduate voices are heard on campus.

E. Each outgoing officer congratulated their successor.

IX. Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was passed.