Graduate and Professional Council
General Assembly Meeting
September 03, 2002
Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm by Vice President Steve Allen.

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

III. Adoption of Minutes: The minutes for the May 2002 meeting were already adopted by the combined executive boards of this year and last.

Officer Introductions:
President: Pritish Tosh
Vice President: Steve Allen
Treasurer: Sarah Malia
Programming and Publicity: Jillian Lane
Secretary: April Orsborn
Webmaster: Amith Reddy Gosukonda

IV. Action Items:
   A. Constitutional Amendment: Vice President Steve Allen went over the language of the current constitution and outlined changes to this language that would make the constitution correspond to the way the GPC functions. The current constitution calls for two separate programming and publicity chairs but we have combined these positions.
      1. A motion to adopt the proposed amendment passed.
   B. By-law Revisions: Section 1 of the by-laws is inconsistent with current practices concerning the ASUM. The updated language would appoint someone to the ASUM board of directors. Additionally language would be changed to have the President and Vice President represent MU to the ISC. Changes also need to be made to combine the programming and publicity chair positions. Changes in by-law headings to encompass the Executive Officers and Representatives separately are also needed. This would put the electing of officers in the section with the rest of the Executive Officer Provisions so that all Executive issues are in the same location.
      1. A motion to adopt the proposed revisions passed.
   C. By-law Ammendment: President Pritish Tosh explained the benefits of the Borda count systems in elections with more than two candidates. The main benefit is that by using a ranking voting system (you assign your most favorable candidate a 1, the second most favorable candidate a 2 and so on, the ranks are then tallied and the candidate with the lowest number wins) helps to prevent a minority outweighing the voice of the majority in multi-candidate elections.
      Discussion: Some concern was expressed that a run off election system might be preferable.
      1. A motion to adopt the Borda count ammendment passed 22 to 8.
   D. International Student Resolution: This resolution has been created to reflect the changes caused by September 11th. This resolution states that the University will support its international students rights to privacy. The resolution was read aloud by President Pritish Tosh.
Discussion: There was concern that the language of the Resolution might encourage
the University to go against the Patriot Act of October 2001. There was also concern
that the resolution states the University will cooperate with the SEVIS program even
though some feel it is a form of racial profiling.
1. A motion to accept the resolution passed.

E. Approval of Faculty Student Committee Appointments
1. A motion to accept the committee assignments as presented passed.

V. New Business:
A. Officer Introductions: done after adoption of minutes.
B. Guest Speaker – ASUM – Mary Ann McCollum: On the ASUM MU is entitled to 6
representatives one of which comes from the GPC. The ASUM lobbies the
legislature on issues concerning the students of MU including graduate students.
ASUM meets once per month and the meetings rotate between the four UM system
campuses. Any members who wish to may attend Breakfast with the Chancellor on
October 3rd where the Chancellor will discuss University concerns such as another
withholding by the Governor. E-mail Pritsh Tosh if you would like to attend
gpc@missouri.edu.
C. Guest Speaker – Waukonse – Dr. Joe Johnston. Waukonse is a conference that
started 13 years ago, with its main emphasis being on teaching. It is a chance for
professors and graduate students to come together and discuss concerns in teaching.
It is over Memorial Day weekend on Lake Michigan. Brochures were passed around.
Web site waukonse.org.
D. Graduate Tailgate – September 7th. Jillian Lane distributed fliers to the General
Assembly to distribute to their departments. The tailgate is for the MU vs. Ball St.
game, it will be held in the Hearnes Center, location 3. Food will be from
Smokehouse. Also there is a Dodgeball tournament sponsored by MSA, sign up in
A020, 10 people per team.
E. NAGPS Conference: The NAGPS conference is being held in St. Louis this year.
The Conference is expensive and next month we will be asking for money to fund
sending some members to the conference. Web site NAGPS.org.
F. Lobby Day for graduate stipend tax-exempt status: Prior to 1986 graduate stipends
were tax exempt. Vice President Steve Allen attended a lobby day this year and felt
there was positive response for this initiative. There is another lobby day in October.
Next month we will vote on funding to send a member to the October lobby day.

VI. Old Business: There is no old business.

VII. Officer Reports:
Treasurer: Sarah Malia requests that people join the finance committee. It has a minimal
time commitment. The main jobs of the funding committee are processing general
funding requests and travel scholarship applications and providing input to the GPC
regarding these funding issues.
Secretary: April Orsborn requests that all representatives sign the attendance sheet and
fill out a Representative locator form.
Programming and Publicity: Jillian Lane asks for volunteers to host a Grad Gathering in
their department. We have one Grad Gathering per month. E-mail Jillian at
jelff8@mizzou.edu if you are willing to host a Grad Gathering.
President: Pritish Tosh discussed the Student Surcharge that IATS is applying for printing. Also, Pritsh Tosh has proposed to IATS that a “Three Days at Mizzou” feature might be added to the Front page for Webmail. The Gold Chalk Awards this year will be larger and more integrative allowing individual graduate schools (Vet School, Med School, Law School) to give their own awards. The University is renegotiating the student health insurance. There will by surveys sent out, please complete and mail your survey.

Vice President: Steve Allen – no report.

Liasons:

Laura Crank from GSA – first GSA meeting September 9th at 5:15pm in the Black Cultural Center.

Christie Hammers – Law School. The Law students recently argued in front of the MO Supreme Court. Law School happy hour will be 6:00pm Fridays at Déjà Vu. September 14th will be Law Day. There will be a softball tournament in October.

Joanna Strobel – Vet School. The Vet School recently welcomed the class of 2006. They are working on a National Exotics Symposium to be held at MU.

Kristie White – Med School. There will be a paint ball tournament. Family day is Sept. 14th.

VIII. Announcements: Any events you want GPC to know about.

English Department will have Joan Diddion speak October 2nd at the Alumni Center.

Brazillian and Portugese Students will have a BBQ September 8th at Stephen Lakes Park – must confirm by the 5th, cost is $5. E-mail lubrasa@missouri.edu

Nutritional Sciences Department will have a poster session Thursday in Stotler Lounge from 2-5 pm.

Greek Life: The Panhellinic Association will be having a Night on the Prowl September 19th at 9:00pm on Lowry Mall. “Date that lasts a lifetime” to inform people on predatory drugs, afterward a movie will be shown.

Next GPC General Assembly meeting is October 1st at 6:00pm in Brady 234.

IX. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was passed at 7:12pm.