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

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm by vice president Steve Allen.

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

III. Adoption of Minutes: A motion to adopt the minutes from the November GPC General Assembly meeting passed.

IV. Action Items:
   A. Additional Funding for 2002-2003 Travel Scholarships: a motion to move $3500 from Contingency and Reserve to fund more Travel Scholarships for this upcoming round passed.

V. New Business
   A. Guest Speaker: Anthony Johnson – ACLU Student Chapter, Columbia to speak about a Marijuana Initiative. Any student convicted of a State or Federal drug offense is excluded from financial aid for up to one year. The initiative makes minor drug offenses from marijuana possession a ticketable offense. This means that it will go through the Municipal Court system, rather than the choice of State or Municipal Court being at the discretion of the arresting officer. GPC currently has no resolution on the table regarding this issue.
   B. Volunteers are needed for the Student Fee Review Committee: The purpose of this committee is simply to review how the money from student fees is spent. We need three people to serve on this committee. Contact Steve Allen if interested.
   C. Graduate Non-Academic Career Fair: Jeremy Young suggested this event. Contact Steve Allen if you are interesting in helping with this program.

VI. Old Business
   A. Reconsideration of the Waukonse Resolution: a motion to open discussion on this subject passed.
      Discussion Points: Students Made contacts at the conference. Should GPC give support to just one program of this nature? Funding this resolution would use up approximately one-third of our remaining Contingency and Reserve fund. A motion to approve the Waukonse Resolution fails: votes – eight in favor, 18 opposed, 1 abstention.

VII. Officer Reports
   A. President: Steve, Pritish, and Jillian recently attended NAGPS. MU GPC was one of the founding chapters of NAGPS. Therefore we should be more involved in NAGPS on a national level. There is a possibility for creating another position to be involved with national issues concerning graduate students. Health Insurance surveys are coming in. The Engineering School is reviewing the Sexual Orientation Proposition.
   B. Vice President: Check out this website if you would like to see what is going on with the University’s attempt to reduce costs: [http://system.missouri.edu/vpacad/index.htm](http://system.missouri.edu/vpacad/index.htm)
   C. Secretary: Sign the attendance sheet and fill out locator forms if you haven’t already.
D. Treasurer: We need more general funding requests, the GPC budget is posted on the website.

E. Programming and Publicity: There is a Grad Gathering December 11th in Wrench Auditorium at 6:00pm, we will be watching a holiday movie and an episode of the Simpsons.

F. Liaison Reports:
   Vet School: SCAVMA is giving a one time award of $10,000 to a professor to revive a student learning program. The vet students are organizing a student wellness committee and a feral cat spay and release program.
   Med School: There is a coat drive and they are collecting gifts to pass out to children in the hospital during the holidays.
   Law School: There is a food drive going on and the Women’s Law Association is having a clothing drive.
   ASUM: There was an election watch party. The new interns are in training, each will lobby on a specific issue. There is a movement to have 18 year olds eligible for Jury Service. The next meeting is Saturday December 7th at UMSL.
   Standing Committees:
   Lewis and Clark Commemoration Committee: The Fall Welcome Theme for 2004 will be “Voyage of Discovery: Lewis and Clark.” In March of 2004 there will be a reenactment of “Three Flags.” In May 2004 there will be a reenactment of the Lewis and Clark trip send off from St. Louis.
   GSA: There is a meeting with IATS scheduled for December 19th. GSA has requested Grad Student Info (this meeting may or may not take place).
   NABGPS: There will be a breakfast with Santa next Saturday morning.

IX. Announcements:
   There will be no GPC general assembly meeting in January.
   The Next GPC general assembly meeting is February 4th.

IX. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 6:52pm