Graduate and Professional Council
General Assembly Meeting
February 4, 2003
Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by Vice President Steve Allen.

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

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

IV. Action Items.
   A. Amendment to GPC Constitution and By-Laws to create National Issues Coordinator Position. MU was instrumental in setting up NAGPS. Because we are an established chapter with a lot of support, experience, and backing we should be a leader on the national level. The document outlining this position was sent out to all members. A motion to adopt this amendment passes.

V. Old Business
   A. Support for graduate teaching training: MU’s 13th annual Teaching Renewal Conference is looking to be expanded, to make it more like a regional conference. They would like a representative from GPC to help.
   B. Insurance Surveys: currently being tabulated, info should come out soon.
   C. Lobby Day for Graduate Stipend Tax Exemption: Sarah and Steve will be going to Washington, D.C. looking for sponsors for the legislation, Kenny Hulshoff has been contacted.
   D. Committee Message Boards: Please try them out to see if they’re working and so others know what is going on in the committees.
   E. UM Letter Writing campaign: students.missouri.edu/~help There are sample letters available, also a district locator. Please write to make sure our representatives know how important education is to us, the UM system could take a hard hit in the next round of budget cuts.
   F. Student Fee Review Committee: In need of one more volunteer to help look at where student fees go, this is an important committee whose voice is heard on this campus.

VI. New Business
   A. RCAF: The Research and Creative Activities Forum is an opportunity to practice presenting. There are fliers to be handed out. E-mail your abstracts to Jillian Lane. Cash prizes of $300 for first place, $200 for second place, and $100 for third place. Must turn in a synopsis of your talk, or presentation. Help working the RCAF is also needed. Everyone can go and listen to which ever talks they want.
   B. Gold Chalk Awards: Nominate faculty members will probably occur late in April. Need volunteers for a Selection committee, contact Steve Allen.
   C. Rollins Society: Students are nominated for this for being involved in activities other than academic. Deadline will be March 21st.

VII. Officer Reports
   A. President: New MSA President and Vice President have been elected. The New Vice Chancellor is Kathy Scroggs. The Intercampus Student Council, which is made up of the President and Vice Presidents of MSA and GPC, and the undergrad organization as UMKC, UMRolla, and UMSL; they are contacting the
new system President about GPC concerns. Also, we are seeking nominations for a Staff Award, this will go to a staff member who is involved in helping graduate and professional students. Send your nominations to GPC.

B. Vice President: At a recent Faculty Council Meeting there was talk about re-numbering some courses, particularly 300 level courses.

C. Programming and Publicity: February Graduate Gathering will be hosted by the Department of Education.

D. Treasurer: Travel Scholarships for travel between January and June, the deadline is March 7th.

E. Secretary: Please sign the attendance sheet and fill out a rep locator form if you have not already done so.

VIII. Liaison Reports

A. ASUM: The last meeting was held at MU. Talked with Dr. Floyd. The next meeting will be held at UMKC. There will be a trip to Washington D.C. to lobby in April. Appointments with Senators Talent and Bond will be made. The Lobbyists in Jefferson City each have an issue and they are working with the legislature.

B. GSA: No report.

C. Law School: Many mock trial competitions going on this month, and other activities including the Barristers Ball Feb 22nd. There is a Blood drive Feb 26th. March 12th is the Women’s Association annual auction, donations are welcome, please contact Brenda Auchenbach.

D. Medical School: The Med School formal was just held. The Med School is having a Tampon-A-Thon, collecting hygiene products for a local women’s shelter. There is a committee to increase library hours.

E. Veterinary School: They will be hosting an open house soon, it is very kid oriented. The students are donating money for a tablet PC to integrate into the Vet hospital, eventually to create a paperless hospital.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting passed at 6:44pm.