Graduate and Professional Council
General Assembly Meeting
March 4th, 2003
Minutes

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

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

III. Adoption of Minutes: A motion to adopt the minutes from the February GPC General Assembly meeting, as distributed, passes.

IV. Action Items:
A. Funding Request: Multicultural Research, Training, and Consultation group: The group wants to invite a renowned guest speaker to campus, Dr. Derald Wing Sue. He is a Consultant on Multicultural Issues and Professor at Columbia University. He is an expert on multicultural organizational competency with emphasis on public schools.

   The talk will be open to everyone; lots of graduate students will likely attend. The speaker will have devoted time with graduate students.

   The group is asking for funding from several sources. The presentation is scheduled for the end of April (24th and 25th). Dr. Sue typically charges $3000/day, the group has only raised $1400 so far. They are asking GPC for $600. The Finance Committee concurs that $600 should be awarded. A motion to approve the $600 funding request passes.

B. Funding of RCAF: Funding was cut from the Graduate Schools budget that normally covers the prizes for winners of RCAF. We would like $4200 from contingency and reserve to be allocated to cover RCAF prizes.

   A motion to approve the request of $4200 from contingency and reserve for RCAF passes.

V. Old Business
A. Insurance Surveys: ~10% of graduate students turned in surveys. Two-thirds of those are in favor of mandatory insurance. Further analysis to be done, concern that 10% is not a representative sample.

B. Lobby Day for Graduate Student stipend tax exemption. Legislators were receptive but lobbyists couldn’t get anyone to agree to sponsor the bill, but many said they would co-sponsor. NAGPS representatives are making follow up visits. Our representatives were well received by Missouri congresspeople.

C. RCAF: March 15th. There are 55 people entered. The schedule should be on the web soon (w/ Abstracts). RCAF will be held at Missouri Union, S110 will have info.

D. Gold Chalk Awards: The deadline for nominations is April 4th. These awards are for graduate mentoring.

E. Rollins Society: Nominations are due March 21st. Application is on the web, it’s the only graduate honor society that participates in Tap Day. To be a member one must make a significant contribution to a self-defined community.

VI. New Business
a. Student Recreation Advisory Board Member: GPC needs to appoint a representative to this committee. Its purpose is to inform students during the period of the expansion. The committee will meet approximately once per month. A volunteer was selected.
b. SOAC Chair/Vice Chair Selection Committee: this position has been filled.

VII. Officer Reports
a. President: Intercampus Student Council discussed with President Floyd international student concerns and the sexual orientation clause in the nondiscrimination policy. He that he will support the measures after the budget goes through. UM-Rolla and Graduate/Professional students favor a flat dollar increase in fees rather than a percentage increase. There are Plans to increase Federal Research Money. The School of engineering has incorporated sexual orientation into its nondiscrimination policy. The Bar Association and NAGPS are trying to abolish the single-lender policy (of the US government regarding student loans). New GPC officers will be elected in May, nominations will be opened in April. Staff Awards: the deadline is March 5th, e-mail nominations to gpc@missouri.edu.
b. Vice President: Faculty council wants the Provost to have the final say in whether a player gets reinstated instead of the Athletic Director (whose salary depends on how many games are won). If necessary the decision could go to the curators. Previous legal problems brought about the current policy.
c. Treasurer: The deadline for travel scholarships is March 7th. The budget will be discussed that the next officers meeting on March 11th in A019 Brady at 6:00pm. Please come and discuss your concerns. The budget will be presented to the general assembly at the next meeting.
d. Secretary: If you would like your announcements to go into the minutes, please e-mail the secretary directly at amo13e@mizzou.edu or e-mail them to gpc@missouri.edu.
e. Programming and Publicity: RCAF is March 15th, everyone is welcome to come hear the presentations.

VIII. Liaison Reports
a. ASUM: Recently held a meeting with State Legislators. Cuts to the education were originally $8.2 million but were reduced to $4.8 million, likely to come mostly from elementary and secondary education. ASUM is lobbying against the SMSU name change, SMSU would get more money if recognized as a state school not a regional school, this would hurt the UM system, the name change will probably not occur this year.
b. GSA. A resolution endorsing the new IATS policy was recently adopted. The graduate school is considering making it policy to have an annual review of graduate students. GSA is trying to come up with a statement encompassing the rights and responsibilities of graduate students.
c. Veterinary School: Open house March 7th and 8th.
d. Medical School: Malpractice party the weekend of March 7th and 8th to be held in conjunction with the Law School. Match day is March 17th.
e. Law School: There will be an auction for the Women’s Association at Déjà Vu. David Horovitz is coming to campus April 10th, at 8:00pm, place TBA.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting passes at 6:59pm.