Graduate and Professional Council  
General Assembly Meeting  
May 06, 2003  
Minutes

I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Vice President Steve Allen.

II. Adoption of Agenda: A motion to adopt the agenda with modification as presented by Steve Allen passed.

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

IV. Action Items.
   A. Funding Request from Biology Graduate Students Association. They would like to offer Tobias Baskin $100 honorarium for presenting a workshop on dissertation writing. Alternate funding was sought from SOAC who originally told them they would fund the workshop then backed out. This is a last minute request. The money is available in the budget. Some concern was voiced that the workshop might not be open to all grad students. A motion to approve the request for $100 with the provision that all graduate students are invited to the workshop passed.

   B. Nomination and Election of Officers.
      Nominations were reopened for each officer, rolling elections were held.
      1. President: Laurie Sonnier was elected to the office of President by acclamation.
      2. Vice President: April Orsborn was elected to the office of Vice President by acclamation.
      3. Treasurer: Sarah Malia was elected to the office of Treasurer by acclamation.
      4. Secretary: Marissa Ahlering and Naimah Ford were nominated at the April meeting. Marissa Ahlering was not able to attend but sent Laurie Sonnier to speak for her. Naimah Ford was not present. Marrisa Ahlering was elected to the office of Secretary.
      5. Programming and Publicity: Nathan Brummel was elected to the office of Programming and Publicity Coordinator by acclamation.
      6. National Issues Ambassador: Naimah Ford, Marquita Walker, and Kambua Chema were nominated at the April Meeting. Naimah Ford was not present. Marquita Walker was elected to the office of National Issues Ambassador.

V. Old Business
   A. Referendum for Student Fee Increase Readership Program. Presented by President Pritish Tosh. Graduate and Professional students will vote online from May 7th 6:00pm to May 9th 6:00pm on a resolution to increase student fees by $3 a semester to provide newspapers on campus in areas of heavy traffic. All grad and professional students will receive an e-mail with a link to the voting site. MSA leadership is in support of this referendum.

   B. Campus Climate Survey. President Pritish Tosh and GPC Rep Robin Mabry-Hubbard spoke with Provost Deaton. He is in support of adding questions to course evaluations to address the classroom climate. He would like these questions to be added to the mid-semester evaluations so that teachers would have time to correct problems and make the evaluation mandatory.
VI. New Business: None

VII. Officer Reports:
   A. President: Pritish Tosh (report given in old business).
   B. Vice President: Steve Allen, the Gold Chalk Awards were successful and well received by the faculty who particularly appreciate student-initiated recognition. We were joined by ABGPS would also gave out awards at the ceremony for faculty and student leadership.
   C. Treasurer: Sarah Malia, the budget has been approved by SOGA.
   D. Programming and Publicity: Jillian Lane, spread the word about the GPC Spring Fling on Friday May 9th at Déjà Vu. The comedy show starts at 7:30, arrive early for food.
   E. Secretary: April Orsborn, the GPC t-shirts aren’t in yet, hopefully we will have them for the first meeting of the year.

VIII. Liaison Reports
   A. Medical School.
   B. Law School.
   C. Veterinary School.
   D. ASUM: the last ASUM meeting was in Rolla. A new board chair was elected, Sara Jackson. The summer meeting will be in June.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.