Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2003

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice President April Orsborn.
   • The President Laurie Sonnier gave a brief welcome and overview of the GPC mission. GPC has been in place for 21 years, and it is the student body that deals with issues that affect the graduate and professional students on campus. GPC supports its constituents by awarding travel scholarships, hosting the Research and Creative Activities Forum, and by sponsoring events and organizations such as the Gold Chalk Awards and the Rollin’s Society.

II. A motion to adopt the agenda by acclimation passed.

III. Minutes from the May meeting were adopted over the summer.

IV. New Business
   A. By-law changes.
      • The executive officers have updated the by-laws over the past two years. The changes included formatting, language to be consistent with resolutions passed, and updated officer duties and officer hours. No additional changes were brought to the attention of the assembly, and a motion to accept changes as presented passed.
   B. ASUM Nominations.
      • Nominations for the GPC representative on the ASUM Board were opened. Duties include a lot of travel to the different UM campuses for meetings and lobbying for issues that involve higher education at the state and federal level. Marquita Walker is the current GPC representative. John Patterson of the medical school was nominated, and a motion to table nominations for this meeting to be reopened at next month’s meeting passed. Nominations can be sent by email as well until the next meeting.
   C. Standing Committee Assignments.
      • The list of standing committee assignments was presented to the assembly. Two positions are still open: one on campus parking and transportation and one on minority affairs. A motion to accept the standing committee assignments as presented passed.

V. Old Business – None

VI. Officer Reports
   A. Programming and Publicity: Nathan Brummel, announced:
      • The GPC tailgate party on Sept. 20th at 10 am in the Hearns Center Field House and passed out fliers to be hung around campus.
      • The grad gathering for October is Monday Night Football on Oct. 20th.
      • The November grad gathering will be the Tools of the Trade also on the 20th.
      • Still looking for a department to sponsor the December grad gathering.
   B. Treasurer: Sarah Malia
      • Asked people to sign up for the finance committee. Will have to be available for at least one weekend this fall to review applications for travel scholarships.
      • Travel Scholarships are Due Oct. 24th for travel between June 1st and Dec. 31st. Applications are on the website. Applicants are limited to one award per academic year, and GPC members are eligible for travel scholarships, as well.
C. President: Laurie Sonnier
   • Met with President Floyd and was informed that when Chancellor Wallace retires he will not be replaced, Floyd will take over these responsibilities. He also indicated that there were no plans to raise graduate student fees, but that some programs will be cut after much consideration. Dr. Groccia will be replaced, hopefully, by November.
   • Please visit the GPC website and let us know if you see any mistakes. The list of representatives has been removed and will be updated with our new list of reps from this year.
   • A meeting of the inter-collegiate athletics committee revealed that the NCAA review of the MU campus may be a very long process, and a new resolution adopted from Wisconsin will be passed regarding how athletes will be treated academically on this campus.

D. Secretary: Marissa Ahlering
   • Everybody should fill out a Representative Locator form to update our files.
   • If general assembly members want their announcements at the end of the meeting to appear in the minutes, please email them or submit them in writing to Marissa at maaeed@mizzou.edu.

E. Vice President: April Orsborn
   • Be aware that other committees may come up throughout the year that GPC will need representative for.

VII. Announcements
VIII. Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:33 PM passed.