Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2003

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:09 PM by Vice President April Orsborn.
   • April reminded the assembly that the meetings will be conducted using Robert’s Rules of Order, and if anyone wants a refresher they should look in the By-Laws.
   • Also, a copy of the revised by-laws was handed out to all general assembly members in attendance.

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

III. A motion to adopt the minutes by acclamation passed.

IV. Action Items
   A. Funding Requests
      1. Multicultural Community Hour
         ▪ Mike Lenza presented the request for $500. The money will be used to purchase the refreshments for their weekly social hour (Tuesdays from 2-4 pm in Memorial Union) where international students can come and practice speaking English. They usually have 15-30 people in attendance every week, and they hope to start advertising.
         ▪ A majority of the finance committee recommended funding $250 to match contributions from other campus organizations.
         ▪ Discussion pointed out that many graduate students on campus are international students, and it would be a good event for GPC to support.
         ▪ A motion to end discussion passed, and a motion to fund the request for $500 passed.
      2. From the Four Directions
         ▪ Linda Russell presented the request for $500. The money will be used to sponsor one of the speakers during their Native American Heritage Month in November. They are sponsoring these events instead of the annual Powwow they usually hold. She mentioned that the actual costs for the speaker are $525, and it would be nice to have GPC cover the entire event even though the initial request was only for $500.
         ▪ A majority of the finance committee recommended funding $500.
         ▪ There was no discussion, and a motion to end discussion passed.
         ▪ A motion to fund the event for $525 passed.

V. New Business
   A. National Issues Ambassador Nominations and Election
      • April read the duties for the position from the By-laws, and nominations were opened.
      • Steve Allen gave a brief description of what the National Lobbying day involved. It is a chance to meet with congress members to discuss issues as they relate to graduate student needs.
      • It was noted that most of the travel expenses were covered other than food.
      • Trey James was nominated.
      • A motion to close nominations passed, and a motion to accept Trey James as the new National Issues Ambassador by acclamation passed.

VI. Old Business
A. ASUM Nominations and Election
   • Nominations were reopened.
   • Jon Patterson was nominated at the previous meeting, and no other nominations were put forward.
   • A motion to close nominations passed, and a motion to accept Jon Patterson as the new ASUM representative by acclamation passed.

VII. Officer Reports
A. President: Laurie Sonnier
   • Cathy Scroggs, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, wants to propose a common hour (one hour during the day with no classes scheduled) for campus. We need to think about composing a resolution dealing with this issue.
   • Cathy Scroggs also wants to close Rollins St. between College and Maryland to motor traffic (except for maintenance vehicles, busses, and emergency vehicles). This is one more move to making this campus an entirely pedestrian campus.

B. Vice President: April Orsborn
   • Attended the ISC (Inter-campus Student Council) meeting at UMKC this past weekend. Candidates were interviewed for appointment to the board of curators.
   • ISC hopes to have a round table discussion with the board of curators about including sexual orientation in the system wide non-discrimination clause.
   • A few more committee openings may become available soon, and current members of standing committees should have received their appointment emails.

C. Publicity and Programming: Nathan Brummel
   • Announced the October Graduate Gathering will be on Oct. 20th for Monday night football in Jesse Wrench Auditorium.
   • Also announced that we are looking for a student assistant to help with clerical work. If anyone is interested email gpc@Missouri.edu

D. Treasurer: Sarah Malia
   • Travel Scholarships are Due Oct. 24th for travel between July 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.

E. Secretary: Marissa Ahlering
   • Welcome to all new members.
   • 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.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:10 PM passed.