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

I.  Meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by Vice President April Orsborn.

II. Adoption of Agenda.
    • April proposed an amendment to Action Item letter b to read “GPC Constitutional Amendment.”
    • A motion to amend agenda passed.
    • A motion to accept the agenda by acclamation passed.

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

IV. Action Items
    A. Pedestrian Walkway Resolution
        • President, Laurie Sonnier, read the resolution to the assembly.
        • She noted that we had discussed proposing a lengthening of the time closed to 5:30, but since that did not seem to be a reasonable to the staff, the time proposed in the resolution was from 7:45 am – 5:00 pm.
        • MSA has passed a similar resolution but designated the time of closure to be 8:15 am - 3:30 am.
        • Discussion revolved around the issue of handicap accessibility to the entrances of the buildings that would be blocked off.
        • It was noted that the method of blocking the street off will be similar to the method used in front of Memorial Union.
        • MSA has proposed to block the street off for 1 year and to then assess the impacts.
        • Discussion ended at the 10 minute time limit, and a motion to approve the resolution as proposed passed.
    B. GPC Constitutional Amendment
        • President, Laurie Sonnier, presented the constitutional amendment addressing how the GPC advisor is chosen.
        • She noted that this amendment is to ensure that we have choice in who acts as our advisor.
        • The amendment will be put under section 7 of the constitution.
        • Currently no criteria exist as to how the process works.
        • A motion to accept the amendment as proposed passed.
    C. Approval of Travel Scholarships
        • Treasurer, Sarah Malia, presented the finance committees recommendations for travel scholarship awards.
        • Thirty-three applications were reviewed, and all of them received some support.
        • Most applicants received $200 or higher.
        • The total recommended for awards was $9,766.83. This is $266.83 over the allotted amount for the Fall semester.
        • Questions about the application process were addressed.
        • A motion to approve the travel scholarships as presented passed.
        • Comment: The total amount granted was actually $9,734.83. This is $32 less than presented during the meeting.
V. New Business – None
VI. Old Business – None

** An introduction of Jeff Zeilenga, GPC’s current advisor, was made. Jeff is the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs. He has his PhD in Higher Education Administration, and he has been GPC’s advisor for four years now.

VII. Officer Reports
A. President: Laurie Sonnier – None
B. Vice President: April Orsborn
   • The Board of Curators approved the inclusion of sexual orientation in the non-discrimination clause.
   • There are two new committee openings on two sub committees of the Academic Integrity Committee. They are currently working on an honor code for the University.
C. Publicity and Programming: Nathan Brummel (Given by Laurie Sonnier)
   • Grad Gathering for October was a success.
   • The November Grad Gathering has been rescheduled for February.
D. Treasurer: Sarah Malia
   • The award letter for Travel Scholarships has been revised to prevent confusion up front.
   • The student fee review committee has recommended the fees currently remain at the same level. The committee will be reviewing MSA budget this spring which will be important because they receive quite a bit of our money.
E. Secretary: Marissa Ahlering – None

VIII. Liaison Reports
A. Law – The law school is currently participating in numerous competitions.
B. Vet – None
C. Med – They are having a residency fair coming up this Sat.
D. GSA – None

IX. Announcements

X. Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:47 PM passed.