Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2004

I. Meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Vice President April Orsborn.

II. Adoption of Agenda.
   • A motion to accept the agenda by acclamation passed.

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

IV. Action Items
   A. Funding Request
      • Mark Hammond presented the request from the Art History and Archaeology Graduate Student Association (AHAGSA).
        o Original request was for $1000; however, they have received funds from elsewhere since then and only request $200.
        o Funding will be used for refreshments and dinner for the keynote speaker at the 12th Annual AHAGSA Symposium.
        o The symposium will take place on March 6th and is a chance for students to present their research.
      • Discussion.
        o Event takes place on the same day as RCAF
        o Finance committee originally recommended a max of $500 before the amount was reduced.
      • A motion to approve the request for $200 passed.

V. New Business
   A. GPC President Nominations and Election
      • Floor was opened for nominations.
      • Nathan Brummel was nominated and accepted the nomination.
      • Floor was closed for nominations.
      • Nathan was accepted as President by acclamation.
   B. Motion to amend agenda to elect a new Publicity and Programming Coordinator passed.
   C. GPC Publicity and Programming Nominations and Elections
      • Floor was opened for nominations.
      • Jon Patterson was nominated and accepted the nomination.
      • Floor was closed for nominations.
      • Jon was accepted as Publicity and Programming Coordinator by acclamation.
   D. Motion to amend agenda to elect a new ASUM rep passed.
   E. GPC ASUM rep Nominations and Elections
      • Jon explained that the position entails sitting on an inter-campus board that lobbies the state legislature on issues that concern Missouri students.
      • Floor was opened for nominations
      • William Pollock from Geography was nominated and accepted the nomination, and Adam Warren from Law was nominated and accepted the nomination.
      • Floor was closed for nominations.
      • Both candidates gave short speeches.
      • Floor was opened for questions to the candidates.
• Voting took place with written ballots.
• After votes were tallied William Pollock was elected the new ASUM rep.

VI. Old Business – None

VII. Officer Reports
A. Acting President/Vice President: April Orsborn
   • Reminder about Gold Chalk nominations Due March 5th.
   • Reminder about Rollins Society nominations Due March 5th.
   • ISC met with the President and discussed the current lack of insurance for graduate students on the other MU campuses. Also, discussed the possibility of students playing a more active role in search committees and tenure reviews. In addition, they discussed the low federal loan limits for students and the possibility of tackling this issue in the future.
   • Met with Cathy Scroggs about how the new fees for the rec center are going to be implemented for graduate students. They are trying to find a way for graduate students off campus to be able to opt out of paying the fees. The current plan is to automatically bill all students carrying 3 hours or more. Discussion on this issue indicated that it should maybe not be based on credit hours but only on the proof of whether or not you are on campus.

B. Publicity and Programming: Nathan Brummel
   • March 6th is the Research and Creative Activities Forum (RCAF). Remind your departments to enter to present their research. It is a good opportunity to get feedback and possibly win cash.

C. Treasurer: Sarah Malia
   • If you want to help with the finance committee sign up.
   • Spring Travel Scholarships are due March 12th for Travel between January and June.
   • Will be working on the GPC budget in the spring if anyone is interested in learning how this is accomplished.

D. Secretary: Marissa Ahlering
   • Pick up T-shirts if haven’t already.

E. National Issues Coordinator: Trey James (Given by Nathan Brummel)
   • Trey is leaving next week for DC for more lobbying for tax exempt status for graduate stipends.
   • Wants to start a committee to help spread the word and contact congressmen more effectively. If you are interested email him.

VIII. Liaison Reports
A. Law – Competitions and formal coming up.
B. Vet – None
C. Med – Formal coming up, and some M4s have already matched to good programs.
D. GSA – None

IX. Announcements
• March 8th and 9th in Memorial Union will be a symposium series on the Social and Cultural Implications of Human Genetics. It will start at 7:00 pm on March 8th with a keynote speech entitled “Hereditarian Myths and Genetic Realities” by Jonathan Marks. The sessions start at 9:00 am on March 9th and go until Dinner.

X. Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:13 PM passed.