Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes  
September 7th, 2004

I. Meeting called to order
   b. Adopting the minutes by acclimation. Corrections: none. Moved, seconded; passed by acclimation.

II. Action items:
   a. Parking lot resolution – Urges safety and transportation to change their policy of 24/7 enforcement of Brady Commons visitor lot.
      i. Discussion: Same language? Yes, we will coordinate with MSA, parking and transportation, and other student organizations. Any justification. Closed discussion.
      ii. Moved and seconded to adopt the resolution as is. Parking lot resolution passed.

III. Old Business: none

IV. New Business: any?
   a. Kristy Wendt. Graduate students as parents organization. Create a forum, a group of graduate students as parents, to meet and handle problems related to being both. Support, childcare issues, etc. kdwtgc@mizzou.edu
      i. Floor open for discussion: English dept. has had a similar discussion. Some have been concerned that GPC and GSA etc haven’t done a good job separating ourselves from the undergrad population. What about the student parent center? Do they help? There is a program that provides day-care. Only single parent, or parents with spouses and kids? For both.
   b. Any other new business? Ongoing discussion with the Maneater’s lack of coverage of grad-school issues. They think we are represented by MSA. Can we mass e-mail? Yes. Monetary investment? Graduate study directors… invite them to a lunch? Something to explain to people what we can do for them. Lots of people don’t know about us… we are working to change that. Rep’s have the front-line responsibility to get the word out about GPC. Make a motion to make a motion to court the gatekeepers. Point of order… need a written resolution. Need a clear understanding of the chain of command. Also, need to do simple things.
      i. Motion to end discussion. Seconded. Passed.
   c. Any other new business? None.

V. Officer and rep reports:
   a. State Issues Chair:
      i. Will Polluck. State issues coordinator for GPC. New officer position, state counterpart to national issues coordinator. He is our ASUM rep.
   b. National Issues Chair:
i. Lisa Rathje: National Issues Coordinator: working to facilitate National issues. Keeping people informed on what was impacting graduate students at the national level.

ii. October 20th there is a national day of action.

iii. Bill to try to address the taxation of student scholarships. If you are interested in it, talk to Lisa.

iv. Take the sheet Lisa has prepared to the departments, and ask if there are other issues to take.

v. November going to national forum for graduate issues, Spring going to a National lobby day.

c. Secretary:
   i. Adam Warren.
   ii. Website access problems.
   iii. Sign the sign-in sheet.
   iv. Take care of the law school!

d. Treasurer
   i. Sarah: Does lots of things behind the scenes.
   ii. Friday Oct 22nd: all travel scholarships are due. Won’t be here next general assembly.
   iii. General funding requests are for student organizations that are putting on events on campus. They can apply to us for funding. Please encourage student groups to contact us.
   iv. Finance committee members are gatekeepers for this money. Not time intensive.
   v. Also need volunteers for SFRC.

e. Programming and Publicity:
   i. John Patterson: Programming and publicity. Apparently not doing a good job… but agrees with everyone in the room. [laughter]
   ii. Still moving forward, John is looking optimistic. Gatherings are doubling this year.
   iii. Coffee house is coming up… flyers are being passed out. Lastly, T4 seminar. Tips, tricks, and technology: handout. Questions: tailgate starts 9 hours before game time. [laughter]

f. Vice President:
   i. Mark Beard: Helping out with GPC.
   ii. Standing committees for the university. E-mail address is wrong in booklet. Please e-mail Mark for committee availability.
   iii. Reports are going to be on the webpage. Send an e-mail about the vacant positions.

g. President:
   i. Nathan Brummell: Mark alluded to: Group got together and talked about increasing awareness of GPC on campus.
   ii. We got out to the orientations; let them know who we are and what we do. We are increasing grad gatherings. It doesn’t rhyme, but it is alliteration.
iii. Leadership retreat is coming up. It’s to kick around ideas and to learn how to approach problems from our angle. Going to meet with the SBA president.

iv. One of the big issues for this year is getting diversity added to the core values. We don’t know if that is feasible, but the discussion is worthwhile.

v. Couple more issues: working with Dr. Scroggs on graduate student housing. Consultants are on campus to do some research on the needs.

VI. Regular announcements:
   a. Leanna from Journalism/Grad school rep. New distribution for fellowships/scholarships. Check the graduate website.
   b. Tailgate will be announced.
   c. October 6th is the last day to register to vote in Missouri.

VII. Motion made to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. Meeting is Adjourned.