Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes
October 5th, 2004

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

II. Action items: none

III. Old Business: none

IV. New Business: any?
   a. Question? To be discussed in officer reports. Other items… Columbia alliance for patience… sponsor marijuana initiatives… second initiative is geared to help students keep financial aide by sending Misdemeanor marijuana offenses to city court.
   b. Resolution read to the general assembly.
      i. Point of clarification… a similar bill will be brought before GPC next general assembly meeting.
   c. Discussion
      i. Q. Would there be possibility of backlash? No, we don’t think so. Is this for someone who has been convicted?
      ii. Yes, it’s for people who have been caught with marijuana and who are convicted, but only from city cops.
      iii. Small amount of marijuana are a small thing compared to taking away their educational opportunities.
      iv. Racial data is probably empirical and not very persuasive, but the idea about taking away someone’s education for a small mistake is very persuasive.
      v. Q. Does this apply to someone who has multiple offenses? It applies only to those with a misdemeanor amount of marijuana.
      vi. Can we work this so we can examine and the language?
   d. Motion to adopt a resolution.
      i. Discussion. Who decides if you can receive aide? No one really knows. None.
   e. Vote
      i. Move for a division, second. Move to vote by hand, all those in favor.
   f. Motion carries.
   g. Second section of the resolution.
      i. Motion to table. Second. Passed
   h. Any other new business? None.

V. Officer and rep reports:
   a. State Issues Chair:
      i. Will Pollock has been meeting with lots of campaigns that have been going around campus. We have had several functions on
campus. He sees their statements as saying one thing and doing another. He’s encouraging everyone to go to the websites. Will actually spoke with them. He gets a thirty page document and finds what affects us. We’ll put some of the information on the website.

b. National Issues Chair
   i. Lisa Rathje: Oct 20th is the national day of action. Please pick up a handout in the back. We are asking that stipends not be taxed. Contact a legislator and make sure your voice is heard.

c. Secretary:
   i. Adam Warren.
   ii. Website going well… see www.mugpc.org
   iii. Sign the sign-in sheet.

d. Treasurer
   i. Sarah: Gone from this meeting… Nathan has report.

e. Programming and Publicity:
   i. John Patterson: tailgate – 120 people came out and had a great time.
   ii. If you have been getting e-mails about events, you are good… if not please talk to Jon about the e-mails.
   iii. They may need some more pizzazz! We need sponsors.
   iv. The artisan on the 20th is the next grad gathering. Jon will send an e-mail.

f. Vice President:
   i. Mark Beard: a sign up sheet is being passed to develop a member sheet for the academic affairs.
   ii. I encourage each one of you who have resolutions or ideas to get to us before the meeting.
   iii. But it was great that this resolution was presented, and we want more to be brought.
   iv. We want to inform everyone, but we want things to go smoother next time.
   v. We are continuing to get committee reports and we will get those up.

g. President:
   i. Nathan Brummell:
   ii. Sarah’s update – travel scholarships are due Oct 22. The finance committee will be meeting Sunday the 24th. There will be one general funding request in November. They are for organizations that want to bring speakers to campus and things like that. Thank you Al Ludwig for serving on the student fee review committee. This committee is reviewing the budgets before meeting with the full committee. Rollins society is trying to create some institutional memory.
   iii. Nathan: encourages everyone to register to vote.
iv. We did get a new website domain. www.mugpc.org It will be up and running soon.

v. We talked last month about publicity. What can we do?
   1. In the past month we have put ads in the Maneater. We’ve also continued with the monthly updates. We are working with our counterparts in MSA: debate watch in Brady Commons.

vi. Team challenge fire attack 1-5 this Thursday.

vii. Met with Carrin Gruin. We are meeting again with her and Bill Paton who is in charge of insurance negotiations.
   1. Any concerns or problems with the current policy? Email us!

viii. On the 16th we are going on a leadership retreat, and we met with Ken Dean about the accreditation report. He came by to see if we had any comments on it. That’s it for us.

VI. Regular announcements:
   a. Questions: FERPA – GSA is also going forward on this. Our register is no interpreting FERPA so strictly that minority students can no longer get e-mails of a determinative group, and it hurts a number of organizations. Someone seems to think that if someone talk to the chancellor about it, things might change.
   b. We need a new people orientation for the meetings. That’s a good idea. ;) Go talk to your departments!
   c. Liaison reports: Vet school? None. Law school: on campus interviews, negotiation competition, battle of the gavel. Med school: first years and second years are getting ready for a round of exams. 3rd year finishing core rotations. 4th years are doing applications and interviews. They’ll find out in March. Terrortoma is at the end of October.
   d. People are interested in research. We have lots of people incoming for statistics, so check out the speakers. 8:00p.m. Cornell hall there will be a watch party. It’s in the auditorium. I invite all the new people to come meet with us after.

VII. Motion made to adjourn. Seconded. Passed. Meeting is adjourned.
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Motion to adjourn? Second. All those in favor. Aye.