Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes  
November 2nd, 2004

Prior to meeting… discussion of Roberts Rule of order.

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

II. Action items:
   a. Funding request: Multi-cultural community hour: Mike Lenza
      i. 2001 initiative started by GPC/GSA. There was recognition that international students had different needs than the traditional graduate student. Very few social support programs.
      ii. Ran by volunteers and operates on a $2,000 budget.
      iii. It’s successful and well attended.
      iv. Asks GPC to continue to fund $500 for the program, strictly for donuts and coffee. The program is just to provide the space.
      v. This is to support spring and next fall semester.
      vi. Discussion: Trey James: Do we also fund in the fall or just pay per calendar year? Sarah Malia: General funding requests are to fund some social efforts. $500.00 has been the tradition cap for fiscal year.
         1. Motion to accept and fund the request.
         2. Seconded.
         3. Motion carried by majority.
   b. Travel Scholarships: These are for students traveling to present a paper, research, a poster, etc.
      i. Thank you members who were there that helped with these.
      ii. Follow the application… more likely to get the award.
      iii. Spreadsheet presented with the names of those awarded.
      iv. Receipts: what the travel scholarships will award will depend on the receipts turned in.
         1. Motion to accept travel scholarship funding as accepted.
         2. Seconded.
         3. Motion carried by majority.

III. Old Business:
      i. Reading of the Resolution by Lisa Rathje.
      ii. Motion to adopt.
      iii. Second
      iv. Lisa from Entomology spoke in favor.
      v. Robin Hubbard: Opposed to resolution in theory. A rep by GPC can handle these things. She believes that it’s better to use our resources for other thing on the table.
vi. Priority vs. Policy. This enables the people who lobby on these things to use them when the opportunity arises… not necessarily sets it as a current GPC priority.

vii. Motion to amend the resolution by striking the 4th paragraph made by Adam Warren
   1. Lisa Accepts as a friendly amendment.

viii. Discussion: Stronger argument lies in our logic of education as a way to improve society as opposed to the disproportionate application to a specific demographic. Men commit 90% of the violent crimes in America, but this is no reason to lessen the punishment of violent crime.

ix. Motion to amend by replacing a word.
   1. Lisa rejects the motion.

x. Closed for discussion.

xi. Motion to approve the resolution as amended.

xii. Second

xiii. Resolution passes as amended.

IV. New Business: any?

a. Resolution supporting election day registration
   i. Reading of the resolution by William Pollock
   ii. Voter fraud issue: how do we attack this?
      1. This is a policy statement. We just support that idea that you should be able to register and vote at the latest possible moment.
   iii. When you refer to the Election Day, what do you refer to?
      1. This is left as a general statement on purpose to it could work on any election.
   iv. Discussion closed.
   v. Motion to approve the resolution as written.
   vi. Seconded.
   vii. Motion passes by majority.

b. Resolution in support of continuing the longstanding tradition of the “border war” between kU and MU.
   i. Resolution read by Nathan Brummel.
   ii. Motion to adopt.
   iii. Second.
   iv. Robin: Tradition is important. We shouldn’t be revising our history for something that is going on now. The athletes have to do a lot and maybe we should spend some times explaining the tradition.
   v. Did people actually die?
   vi. No, but we honor the schools.
   vii. Motion to adopt.
   viii. Seconded.
   ix. Resolution passes by majority.

c. Any other new business? None.
V. Officer and rep reports:

a. State Issues Chair:
   i. Will Pollock: you have 5 minutes to vote in this year’s election.
   ii. Will will be going to DC at the end of this month.
   iii. ASUM is putting on a watch party at the alumni center after this meeting.

b. National Issues Chair
   i. Lisa Rathje: National day of action… thank you for participating!
   ii. Next week will be at a National Conference.

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

d. Treasurer
   i. Sarah: heard plenty from her.
   ii. If anyone wants to be on the finance committee, come talk to her.

e. Programming and Publicity:
   i. John Patterson: Oct 9th had a writing seminar.
   ii. Robin says it was fantastic.
   iii. Tailgate was a good time. It was a good time and good turn out.
   iv. Any suggestions about getting GPC’s name out?
      1. Get a blimp.
      2. Angela: how was the turn out for coffee? Turn out for coffee was really good. 60 cookies gone! Lots of people study late at night.
   vi. Another artisan at 19th.
   vii. Need some helpers for the time when people come present their research.
      1. If you are interested, E-Mail Jon.
   viii. After the meeting, the 3rd floor at Switzler. Communications building, there is an event (another watch party).
      1. North of Geology building.

f. Vice President:
   i. Mark Beard: no report… but an outstanding improvement on parli pro!

g. President:
   i. Nathan Brummel: mugpc.org is up and running.
   ii. We’ll have more propaganda out soon.
   iii. Past month: delivered the GPC report to the MSA general assembly.
      1. Talked about our goals.
      2. They passed the revised articles of cooperation.
      3. MSA has election next week.
   iv. Got together earlier this month with a leadership retreat. Discussed the common goals.
1. 2 things stood out.
   a. Larger goal of increasing the recognition of the value of graduate/professional contribution to the campus.
   b. Underground guide to graduate/professional school.
   v. Chancellors to 10. Number 23 was improving graduate and professional school education.

1. We are in a unique position to really improve the quality of our education.
2. Along with that, we’ve been talking about quality of life.
   a. Graduate housing.
   b. Health insurance.
   c. Possible dental coverage, dependant coverage, and prescription coverage discussion.

VI. Regular announcements:
   a. ABGPS: had their whole exec board at the conference.
      i. Doing something about highlighting graduate student activities.
      ii. FERPA is a stumbling block.
   b. GSA – Issue of graduate student fellowships. They are now being paid through financial aide. It would reduce the amount of overpayments. Grad students are having problems with it. It means any balance they owe is automatically deducted.
   c. MSAC – 4th year medical school is going through tests. Just finished having Terrortoma and raised $3,000 for the family health center.
   d. SBA – Client counseling tournament is next week.
      i. MPRE is coming up next week. 1L’s have been wrapping up their mid-terms.
   e. Vet – no one is here.
   f. Campus recreation chair needs some feedback.

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