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

I. Meeting called to order
   a. Motion to amend the agenda by adding 2 resolutions. Seconded. Motion to adopt amended agenda by acclimation. Adopted.
   b. Adopting the minutes by acclimation. Corrections: none. Moved, seconded; passed by acclimation.

II. Action items:
   a. None

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:
   a. GPC representative attendance and funding act.
      i. Discussion: carrot for meetings.
         1. Totals for representations from departments.
         2. Abysmal attendance.
         3. It’s our contention that student government works best when all students are represented.
         4. We proposed a change to the funding requirements.
         5. A breakdown of how the proposal works is explained. A break down of how the proposal would have affected this
year’s travel scholarships. It would have affected them greatly.

ii. Question: how much do you think the election the attendance? Some, but the trend was already downward for the semester. Reading of the actual resolution wording.

iii. Floor open for discussion: Questions and discussion.

1. Mike Litrill. Any amendments for appeal? Say a rep was in a car accident? Any provision.
2. Robin: this resolution is a fundamental misunderstanding of how this University is Organized. They take a specific program. The professional school has infrastructure, the graduate student does not have the infrastructure. The bill needs to be rewritten with the input of graduate students.
3. Address: it predominately affects graduate students. GPC is completely volunteer. The time commitment is not tremendous.
4. Robin: we don’t have as much control over our free time as you may think. Gatekeepers.
5. Tommy Parker from fisher and wildlife: the moneys we use for all students paying activities fees, can you do it? Yes, it’s allowed.
6. Dan Robinson: not that unreasonable to have the representative sent to the year.
7. Will Polleck: all very valid points. This was an ongoing debate. It’s made to encourage attendance as well as structure. We want to increase departments sending people to us. That’s the benefit we give to students. This links to attendance.

iv. Motion to extend debate: seconded

1. Chemistry: The idea is good, but the step is too drastic. Learning about business teaches that radical business culture is tough. Establish at a department.
2. LeAnna Morris, Journalism: is there a way to protest a lack of representation, or protest having a bad representative. Is there a grievance process?
3. Nathan: as stands, there is no procedure.
4. Vet med: if we want to use the travel scholarships as the weapon, you should tell them about it. Paperwork burden. Don’t like the rule about one meeting screwing the year up.
5. Dan again: it’s not unreasonable.
6. Tommy: when is implementation? When we want.
7. Brad Jones. Question. What is the issue? The issue is the culture, the issue is the provision itself for funding.

v. Motion to extend. Seconded.

1. Question. Grievances process.

vi. Motion to table the resolution. Seconded. Resolution tabled.
b. Reallocation of student fee review committee’s recommendation:
   i. Reading of the resolution:
   ii. Questions:
      1. Al Ludwig: been to most of the meetings. They know where they money is, and it’s pretty sound. No reason not to vote for it.
   iii. Motion to close discussion. Seconded. Discussion is closed.
   iv. Motion to adopt, seconded. Motion carries.

c. Resolution to propose M book regulation:
   i. Reading some key provisions.
   ii. Discussion
      1. There is a part about maintaining hours. We haven’t had time to work out the pros and cons. We don’t know if we want the department of student life.
   iii. Questions
      1. Is this a recommendation by the administration? Yes it is.
   iv. Move to table until the next meeting. Seconded. Tabled.

V. Officer and rep reports:
   a. State Issues Chair:
      i. Will Pollock: ASUM has more or less approved the legislative policy. No particular order.
      ii. Other few things: tax credits for paid internships that business give. Election law reforms. Student curator… having voting power. Opposing any University changing its name to Missouri State University.
      iii. Question if it’s going to be open opposition or gain legislative function. Program for a fee for the disposal of tires.
      iv. Maneater: 2-3 page spread… infighting. The UMKC has a structure problem with ASUM.
      v. There is a lack of communications between the campuses. Will have an outside consultant help out the ASUM folks.

   b. National Issues Chair
      i. Lisa Rathje: Pick up your conference report from NAGS. Elected the new coordinator.
      ii. If you know other grad students, please direct them to Lisa so she can have a regional meeting.
      iii. If you want more information, please let Lisa know. There is a handout that can be useful for any graduate association which helps with institutional memory.
      iv. Student debt management website is part of the handout… look at it.
      v. Way over time… WAY OVER TIME… she’s using everyone elses time… blah blah blah blah blah… yap yap yap yap yap yap.

   c. Secretary:
      i. Adam Warren: website is still down. Who broke it!?!?
ii. Sign the sign-in sheet.

d. Treasurer
   i. Sarah Malia. Budget is doing fine, we are on track.
   ii. Lots of stuff with Rollins, and student fee review committee.
       Organization Resource Groups is the new replacement for SOAC.
   iii. Sports clubs are now moving over to rec services.

e. Programming and Publicity:
   i. John Patterson: Last even was at the Vieux.
   ii. Sorry for Mark’s dancing skills.
   iii. Next coffee project is in the Union on the 15th, 8:00.
   iv. We’ve had a pretty good semester. Next semester is a good time at RCAF.

f. Vice President:
   i. Mark Beard: Rollins Society thunder was stolen by Sarah.
   ii. Academic affairs committee there are 2 big events next semester…
       gold chock and Rollins.
       1. Already made a lot of headway with Rollins.


g. President:
   i. Nathan Brummel: last meeting of the semester. Thanks for coming.
   ii. The last couple have been very good, and there have been good discussions.
   iii. We are taking our charge seriously.
        1. We have been involved in the student health insurance bids.
           We brought up some issues to Bill Payton.
        2. Cost, lump sum vs. monthly fee, but it tends to increase the costs.
           a. Jan 5th is when the insurance companies come back with their bids.
   iv. Board of curators meeting: tuition will increase 3.5%.
   v. Roundtable discussion was held. It was a productive reception.
      Sunday 12th at 10 o’clock is the breakfast in Brady.
   vi. Anyone interested in an offer position we’ll take nominations in April and vote in May.

VI. Regular announcements:
   a. ABGPS: Liaison reports: GSA, ABGPS: significance: leadership council… one of the things that came out was raising more town and gown connection. ABGPS has taken that and hit the ground running… 16,000 children. They will be coordinating “celebrating minority and female”. Award ceremony and reception. High profile names coming. They got partners: graduate school and Boone Country Alumni, Ellis Library, Women’s and gender school, MU Varsity Association, and multicultural center.
   b. GSA – see ABGPS
   c. MSAC – interviews and finals
d. SBA – no report, too busy studying
   e. Vet – no one is here.

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