Graduate and Professional Council General Assembly Meeting Minutes
April 5th, 2005

I. Meeting called to order
   a. Motion to amend the agenda. 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. Biochemistry graduate organization
      i. Invited Dr. Sharp. Received Noble Prize. RNA Splicing.
      ii. Requested $400. $100 for flyers, and newspapers. $300 additional honorarium for Dr. Sharp.
      iii. Questions:
            1. Any meetings with graduate students?
               a. Yes, at a luncheon, and a set-aside time after his talk.
            2. What were the other sources of funding?
               a. The department of biochemistry.
            3. What is the total cost? 1,400-1,500.
            4. Where is he coming from?
               a. MIT, institute for brain research.
      iv. Discussion:
            1. Sarah’s recommendation –
      v. Motion to approve as recommended. Seconded.
      vi. Motion approved.
   b. Travel Scholarships – Sarah Malia
      i. Demand is up so high we have tons of names.
      ii. A general discussion about the objectives and criteria.
      iii. Did they follow directions? We then rank them.
      iv. Grand total: $14,505.00
         1. That’s over a few thousand, but we have a little extra from general funding.
      v. We have a few we didn’t approve for funding this year.
      vi. Questions:
            1. None.
      vii. Motion to approve the travel scholarships as presented. Seconded.
      viii. Passed by majority.
   c. 2005-2006 Budget Presentation for Graduate Professional Council
      i. An overview of the budget.
      ii. Carryover – based on what information we have available, sometimes we don’t have a clear picture of the information.
         1. We have allocated all our known carryover, with just a slight bit of contingency.
         2. We want to make sure we aren’t relying on contingency for expenses that we have to have.
iii. Changes
   1. $1,250 for banners.
   2. Officer small increase in salary.
   3. Slight increase in travel scholarships.
   4. Programming – extra $5,000 back. We are having more programming because of this.

iv. Questions –
   1. Logistical question – have we talked about doing an accrual basis of accounting transition?
      a. We have talked about it, but we’ve got bad reception to the idea. What we are thinking about doing is a parallel system.

v. Motion to accept the budget as presented. Seconded. Passed.

III. Old Business:
   i. none

IV. New business.
   a. Resolution Encouraging University Police to Enforce Proposition 2 as Written
      i. Reading of the resolution.
      ii. Conflict of University of Missouri police is funded by the state. They usually enforce city laws, but in this case they decided not to. If they are convicted in state-court, they can lose their financial aide.
      iii. The arguments they are making is the fact that the police don’t have enough discretion.
      iv. The city prosecutor though has done a great job, and they law is getting enforced well.

v. Questions:
   1. How is the city enforcing Prop. 2?
      a. The police chief feels his job is to enforce the law, so they’ve been compliant. MUPD has been doing well with 1st time offenders too.
   2. Regardless of what citation the police officer writes, isn’t the problem is it?
      a. It’s a step in the process.
   3. Is there state pressure not to send it through city municipal procedures?
      a. No pressure that she sees. How much discretion do they have? They seem to always follow it.
   4. Do we know what it takes to change policy?
      a. Not really, this is just again to say what we feel.
   5. Are they charging them with higher offenses?
      a. You’ll always get a ticket, and not be arrested. They can impose any.
   6. What is proposition 2?
a. Applies only in City of Columbia – making the marijuana enforcement the lowest law enforcement priority.

7. Is most of their property they are patrolling state property? This seems more of an exception? Should we not mess with the unwritten contract?
   a. That’s for you to decide.

8. Support a cooperation between City and MU police to do the same thing no matter what part of Columbia you are in.

vi. Motion to accept the resolution as written. Seconded. Passed.

b. Officer Nominations:
   i. Nathan to introduce the positions:
      1. He did that.
   ii. Open the floor for nominations for President.
      1. John Patterson was nominated and accepted.
      2. Mark Beard nominated and accepted.
      3. Motion to lay nominations on the table approved by acclimation.
   iii. Open the floor for nominations for Vice President
      1. Steve Schuster was nominated and accepted.
      2. Motion to lay nominations on the table for next meeting
   iv. Open the floor for nominations for Treasurer.
      1. Al Ludwig was nominated and accepted.
      2. Motion to lay nominations on the table accepted by acclimation.
   v. Open the floor for nominations for Secretary.
      1. Erica Racen was nominated and accepted.
      2. Motion to lay nominations on the table accepted by acclimation.
   vi. Open the floor for programming and publicity coordinator.
      1. Brandon Roller was nominated and accepted.
      2. Motion to lay the nominations on the table accepted by acclimation.
   vii. Open the floor for National Issues Coordinator
      1. Nomination of Lisa Rathje was accepted.
      2. Motion to lay the nominations on the table accepted by acclimation.
   viii. Open the floor for State Issues Coordinator
      1. Robin nominated and accepted.
      2. Adam Warren was nominated but declined because of graduation.
      3. Motion to lay the nominations on the table accepted by acclimation.
   ix. Next meeting we’ll re-open nominations.

V. Officer and rep reports:
   a. State Issues Chair:
i. Will Pollock: student curator is doing well.

b. National Issues Chair

c. Secretary:
   i. Adam Warren: no report, and you can’t make me give one!
   ii. Sign the sign-in sheet.

d. Treasurer
   i. Sarah Malia. - Board approved $500 to support the Dean Heinz 5k run.

e. Programming and Publicity:
   i. John Patterson:
   ii. Lots of programming this April.
   iii. First one tomorrow. With Deaton event. We want 5-6 people committing to going. 6-8 in the Reynolds Center.
   iv. See the website.

f. Vice President:
   i. Mark Beard:
   ii. Leave name plaques.
   iii. 8 students will be tapped… will be done on the 15th of April at 2:00.
   iv. 7 gold chalks were awarded. 21st is the banquet for that.

g. President:
   i. Went down to the capital yesterday.
   ii. Tomorrow night great opportunity to meet with Chancellor Deaton.
   iii. Addressing the parking in the Virginia garage.
   iv. April 30th – the “big free”.

VI. Liaison Reports
   a. Med- no report
   b. April 16th – open house for vet school.
   c. SBA – restate with the 5k – Run/Walk on April 15th.
   d. GSA – none
   e. ABGPS – none
   f. English Students are having a book-sale. Paperbacks are .50, hardbacks are $1. 14th having a lecture on 4:00 at Ellis on Latin culture.
   g. April 20th Biochem is having a trivia competition.

VII. General announcements:
   a. none

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