General Assembly Meeting  
November 1, 2005  

I. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice President Steven Schuster.

II. Adoption of minutes, accepted by acclimation  
A motion was passed to adopt the minutes from the October 2005 meeting as distributed the week prior to the meeting.

III. Adoption of agenda  
A motion was passed to adopt the minutes as printed for the November 1, 2005 General Assembly Meeting.

IV. Action Items  
   Presented by Jason Blunk from the Student Fee Review Committee (SFRC). Jason discussed the some of the services provided by MSA that are open to graduate students. According to the MSA/GPC articles of cooperation, half of the GPC budget goes to MSA to help with such services. They also return $5000 of this amount back to GPC for Programming and Publicity.
   These include but are not limited to:
   - campus readership programs
   - Student Design Center
   - Student Legal Services
   - MSA/GPC craft studio
   - Brady Commons Box Offices
   - Peer rape education program
   - Funding to the Student Curator
   - the Pick-a-Prof website
   - the GPC website
   - STRIPES
   - Swirl Magazine
   - various student activities (Battle of the Bands, The Big Free, Mizzou up all night, weekly films, etc.)
   MSA has also been working on issues that effect students such as parking restriction and making the campus safer and more diverse.

Floor opened for questions.

Robin Hubbard: Are grad students getting their value for $75,000? For instance of the movies, are we getting 10% of the audience there?
Answer: Graduate students pay 10% of their total income. Jason told us that if we were to stop contributing to this our website would disappear overnight, STRIPES would stop responding to calls from graduate students, we would lose all MSA services, and would not be able to participate in activities.

Morgan Perry: Maybe a better way to answer the question is that just because grad students don’t take advantage doesn’t mean these services are not there. Perhaps MSA should do a better job of advertising.

Mark Beard: Intervened and stated that we will start pushing different ways of advertising for grad students. One way we are considering to accomplish this is by sending out email updates to graduate students. He believes that we do benefit from the money that we pay to MSA.

Dirk Charlson: Asked about lawyer services that are provided by MSA and wanted to know if these may be utilized by post-doctoral students. Answer: Shelly downstairs, in student life, is the lawyer on campus and can see post-doctoral students.

2. Guest speaker- Social Science Statistics Center- Antonello Loddo
The Social Science Statistics Center is sponsored by Arts and Sciences and the College of Education. They have 3 faculty, 3 grad students, and a number of other people on staff. They offer services to faculty and graduate students in every department. There are two types of consulting services. The Statistical Software Support Outreach, which is for people who need help with the software to analyze their data is located in Middlebush, Statistical Consulting is available for one on one consulting services. This service is for individuals that have data but do not know what to do with it. They will provide a consultant with the most expertise in that field. Students may request an appointment by going to their website and filling out a form to help them best answer your questions, (www.ssc.coas.missouri.edu). Graduate students will also get handouts about these services.

Floor opened for questions.

Bethany Williams: Stated that she recommends their services.

V. Old Business:
1. Katrina Victims Support Committee (KVSC) update-
Lisa Rathje, National Issues Coordinator presented the update. So far 250 lbs. of food has been donated. We are continuing to push the sales of the buttons and encourage representatives to help with this. The buttons will also be sold at the Dèjà Vu event Friday night.
Floor opened for questions.

Erin Richards: How did we do outside of Brady Commons?
Answer: We raised about $50.

Dirk Charlson: How far do you have to go?
Answer: So far we have donated about 200 buttons and a total of 2,500 buttons were made.

April Orsborn: Is there discussion to lower the price?
Answer: Yes, maybe $1 or $2.

VI. New Business:
1. Resolution 0506-04: A Resolution in support of a Graduate and Professional Student Activity Fee Increase – presented by Al Ludwig
The increase discussed is for $2.20/students. Al presented the current budget and fees based on full time equivalencies. In the past few years we have over-spent our budget. This year Programming and Publicity spending is way up and we hope to fund more Travel Scholarships as well. MSA may also be pushing a student fee increase and we are unsure at this point what dollar amount they will decide on. Based on the numbers presented, Al feels that a fee increase is justified.

Floor opened for questions.

April Orsborn: Do we split the $2.20 with MSA?
Answer: Yes, our budget is half of the projected budget + $5000.

Chad Rittenhouse: When was the last time we had a fee increase?
Answer: He is not sure as it has been several years, possibly 4 years.

Point of information made by Mark Beard: We do have a fee increase that is based on inflation, but GPC has not increased its fee. It is this reason we have been dipping into our budget and carry-over.

Rachel Popelka-Filcoff: Is there a flat out fee? Full-time vs. Part-time?
Answer: This is based on full time

Dan Robinson: Wanted to clarify that only full-time graduate students would pay the $2.20/semester.

Chad Rittenhouse: Wanted to know how often has MSA increased their fees.
Answer: So far the increases in fees by MSA has been consistent with the GPC. The always act together.
James Austgen: Why are we giving MSA so much money and getting so little?
Answer: This resolution doesn’t really pertain that.

Mark Beard: MSA does a lot for grad students that we don’t realize. We would falter as an organization without them. They provide us so much more whether you realize this or not. We will work on clarifying that.

Resolution passed by majority

They manage governments and use of student fees. We get a seat on their boards. These positions already exist and the implementation of this resolution is simply a formality.

Floor opened for questions.

Joshua Holmes: Where does ORG’s funding come from and do we contribute?
Answer: ORG gives us our funding. They govern how we spend our student fees.

Morgan Perry: They are the people that make sure that we represent the whole student body. We are educational, social, all the various things that we need to do.

Joshua Holmes: Wasn’t clear on where the money for their services come from.
Answer: The money ORG receives is also from student fees and they allocate funds to all other student organizations.

The resolution passed by two-thirds majority.

3. Articles of Cooperation between GPC and the Association Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM)- presented by Mark Beard
This is a formality. No questions were asked.

The resolution passed by majority.

4. Travel Scholarships- Presented by Al Ludwig, Treasurer
The Finance Committee met October 29 to decide on Travel Scholarships. They had fewer applications than last year but expect more in the spring. With the current budget they were able to fully fund all of the qualifying applications. All were funded, except for one student who was not presenting. All showed the history of budgets for travel scholarships. A
third of the money was spent for the fall applications, which is typical for fall applications. Their meeting went well and they were able to complete reviews in 1 hour and 45 minutes.

A Motion to accept the travel scholarships as presented was accepted by majority.

VII. Officer Reports

Lucas Kunce, State Issues Coordinator: He currently has little to report. ASUM is prefiling bills November 1, 2005. They will soon begin polling students via email and to adequately represent students concerns at the capitol. Representatives will receive an email with the link and are encouraged to send it to their departmental listserv.

Lisa Rathje, National Issues Coordinator: She does not have a lot to report. Kenny Hulshof finally signed onto HEAEA. There is a lot going on with budget recognition on the hill right now. The national meeting in Miami has been postponed to February due to hurricanes.

Erica Racen, Secretary: She reminded representatives to give her their information and to sign the attendance sheet. She is also working on getting more permanent name placards and asked that representatives hold on to the current cardstock printed name placards.

Al Ludwig, Treasurer: He recapped Travel Scholarships. Another representative is needed to sit on the SFRC committee as they need more graduate student representation.

Dan Robinson, Programming and Publicity: In the past month we have hosted two events. The Poetry Jam at the Artisan went well. He is thinking about holding an American Idol type event next semester. The Tailgate was a big success and over 100 people went through the breakfast food bar. The Déjà Vu dance party is Friday, November 4 from 6-9pm. During the first hour of the event they plan to lower the music so people can socialize. The Charity Texas Hold ‘Em Tournament is Friday November 11, 2005 from 5pm-12am. If any representatives have ideas for prize donations please talk to Dan. He would like to get a big prize for the big winner. Dan apologized for the mention of the Christmas baskets and mentioned that the charity being sponsored makes holiday baskets and does not discriminate based on religion.

Steve Schuster, Vice President: He will soon be working on both Rollins Society and Gold Chalk awards. He asked that representatives start thinking of nominations. He also recently had dinner with Chancellor Deaton and other student leaders. They have been talking about ways to promote communication
between department. Steve reminded representatives to sign-up for internal and external committees.

Mark Beard, President: Mark encouraged representatives to tell their departments about the Vu event and to come and have a good time. He also asked representatives to think of undergrads that may be nominated/eligible for the Mizzou 39 award, which recognizes outstanding seniors on campus. If you representatives like to nominate a deserving senior email Mark for information. Also, the GPC has been asked to sponsor a team for the Brady Bowl over cancer event. If representatives are interested in forming a team for the event the GPC would be happy to sponsor the team. The tournament will be held November 8-10. He also talked about the new off campus housing website which will help students with roommate and off campus housing searches. That website is www.offcampus.missouri.edu.

Erin Richards: Can you post your place as well?
Mark Beard: This site is still being developed and they have thought about adding that component.

Tuesday November 8th at 8:30pm is the route across campus with Chancellor Deaton. This walk is to point out safety hazards around campus and to come up with ideas to make the campus safer. Michelle Compton is the person to contact about this event and would like people to RSVP.

He spoke with Dr. Schroggs today about two potential fee increases that are on the agenda and would affect graduate students. The Student Counseling Center has asked for an increase in funding, they would like a $5 increase (Dr. Schroggs is in favor of this), breaking down to $1.50 increase per year for the next three years. The other is for the shuttle system and they are asking for a $2 increase. Mark encouraged us to talk to other graduate students about the use of this shuttle system. We may fight this increase and will have Jim Joy come present to us. He would like to gather information before drafting a resolution.

Travis Elliot: Wanted to know why Mark was in favor of the Student Counseling Center fee increase.
Answer: He would like to see statistics about the number of graduate students that use the counseling services. They have more individuals on staff. We are trying to define their role before we approve this fee increase.

Shawn Cox: This is the group that wanted the $110 last month?
Al Ludwig: That was a student driven initiative for a specific program. This fee increase is unrelated to that and deals with the hiring of more staff for their counseling services.
Therese Zidon: She mentioned that you can only have three visits per year to the center.
Dan Robinson: He stated that we should not get too involved with the statistics on who uses the services. They help out a number of people and need to have added funding to continue to do so.
Morgan Perry: She backed up what Dan said and added that there is currently a 4 week wait for services.

VIII. Liaison Reports
ABGPS, Pius Nyutu: He had nothing new to report.

PDA, Dirk Charlson: He will be attending the GPLC meeting on Saturday. He mentioned that he wanted to talk to Lisa about the buttons to what they could do.

MSAC, Brook Gregory: They held their Charitoma event last week and a Halloween party coming up.

SBA, Josh Holmes: They had nothing new to report.

IX. Announcements.
Morgan Perry announced the MSA/GPC films being played and other upcoming events being hosted by MSA.

X. A motion was approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.