I. The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Steven Schuster at 6:04pm

II. Adoption of the Minutes
The minutes were adopted by acclimation.

III. Adoption of the Agenda
The agenda was adopted by acclimation.

IV. Action Items

1. Guest Speakers- Student Counseling Center- Dr. Kathleen Boggs, Dr. Linda Wolszon, and Dr. Michael Adams
Dr. Michael Adams presented a powerpoint discussing the need for mental health services on college campuses. Problems across campuses are increasing and services are increasing in demand. With increasing demands in services they have a need acquire funding from student fees. They are asking for a $3.50 fee increase to meet their current demands, $1.75 coming from student fees. They will hire another psychologist and increase visibility of their services across campus. They offer several services aimed at graduate students: individual/couples/family/group counseling at no cost to students.

The floor was opened for questions.

Robin Mabry-Hubbard: Wanted to know if the fee increase would allow the SCC to expand on services to student that are before ABD?
Answer: They will expand on services as needed.

Erin Richards: She has talked to people that have used services, some said they met with a student rather than a doctor and felt like they didn’t get what they wanted. Will funds help them hire another doctor?
Answer: They do ask the student if they would rather be seen by a doctor or graduate student. The fee increase will help them hire another psychologist. Additionally, the graduate students that see students are supervised by someone who is licensed, and that there are layers of treatment and accountability.

Lucas Kunce: On the budget, the increase in budget is under exec admin?
Answer: In the past year they put in place two executive administrators and salaries were transferred to those positions.
James Austgen: Will the fee increase help them with the services that they would like to offer? Or will they still be in debt in the near future?  
Answer: Yes, in a few years they will start to eat into that debt. They will be looking at another fee increase in the next couple of years.

April Orsborn: Why not consolidate the two services between the SHC and the SCC?  
Answer: The SHC is more for medication, but the SCC is more for students who need to meet on a regular basis to discuss crisis issues. They will, however, be talking to combine programs and ensure that there is little overlap.

2. Resolution 0506-05: Recommendations regarding the Student Counseling Center- Presented by Dan Robinson, Programming and Publicity.

Floor opened for questions.

Lisa Rathje- Suggested a friendly amendment to the wording of the document.

Resolution 0506-05 passed by majority.

3. Guest speaker- Parking and Transportation Services Fee Increase- Jim Joy  
Parking and Transit operated under the same department on the Mizzou campus, which is different from other campuses. Over the past few years they have lost several service lots due to new building. The need for overnight parking has increased, commuter lots are already full in the morning and this has caused several complaints. A new surface lot on the reactor field and a new intersection lot has been built. A shuttle system out of that field has been operating with no increase in fees. They are now in need of funding to continue the shuttle bus service. This is also the end of a 3 year contract on bus services and they are back out on a 3 year bid. They are considering at least a $2/student fee increase and may come back next year asking for more, due to demands on more services. The concern of the graduate students is that if we do not use the services why should we pay for it. He claims that we operate under a complete system: all students pay a garage construction fee (including undergrads) within the permit parking in garages on campus 75% of those are occupied graduate students.

Rachel Popelka-Filcoff: She mentioned that there are a significant number of graduate students who do not drive and rely on transportation services. She recommends that we vote in support of this fee increase.

James Ausgten: When the bids come in they will be below what we are paying for right now?
Answer: There is a fuel safety clause that we do not know will be. They are going to be buying the buses as apposed to a current rental fee which will hopefully

MaryAnn Dutton, Nursing: Where does the funding go if undergrads turn in permits or if they graduate and do not finish out the year?
Answer: They are given the money back for that remaining semester.

4. Resolution 0506-06: Resolution regarding the Parking and Transportation Services Fee Increase- Al Ludwig
The resolution was not in favor of the fee increase for graduate students as the services are not directly used by graduate and professional students.

James Austgen: Commented on the new surface lot. He hasn’t seen more than 50 cars in that lot and does not believe that it is even being used.

Resolution 0506-06 passed by majority.

5. Funding request from the Multicultural Community presented by Maryann Dutton
Their program started over 5 years ago and has been funded sponsored by GSA, GPC, and the graduate school. They need funding for the Winter 2006 semester to provide coffee hour refreshments for 9 of the 14 weekly informal social gatherings. The group is for international and american graduate/professional students. The request is for the amount of $540.00, need for $60.00 per meeting.

Floor opened up for questions.

Mark Beard: How many years have we supported them?
Answer: The GPC has supported the group for 4 years. They are also making a request to GSA next week.

Pius Nyutu: Wanted to know how many students attend these meetings.
Answer: 20-30 students (average about 24/meeting). She also mentioned that the participants are from many different nationalities.

Discussion:
Al Ludwig, Treasurer: The finance committee was in support of the request. The only issue is that the traditional cap is $500, although we are not bound by this amount.

Mark Beard: Has anyone ever taken part of this? Is feedback generally good?
Answer: A few people in the assembly had participated in this group.
Funding request passed by majority.

6. Funding request from the Post-doctoral association. They would like to host a one hour seminar on scientific writing. The group is concerned that post-docs and graduate students get very little guidance in paper writing. They would like to invite a speaker, Dr. Michael Grossman, for a one day workshop. They believe that this would be a benefit to not only post docs but to graduate students as well. The speaker would need $1050/day plus travel expense. They had requested $1500 and they could probably cover the rest.

The floor was opened for questions.

Erin Richards: According to the proposed schedule it seemed that he wouldn’t be speaking very much in the day?
Answer: He works with small groups (max participation for 26 students).

Mark Beard: Is there discussion to have participants to pay a small fee?
Answer: They hadn’t considered that, and could look into that (or get mentors to pay out of their grant).

Discussion:

Al Ludwig: The $1500 seems like a lot. The finance committee also had other concerns including the limit on 26 individuals (we usual fund things that would be open to anyone) They also had reservations that this is a duplicative of services that could be offered on campus.

Donielle Lovell: GSA was also asked and thought that the amount asked was too high.

Daniel Graft, English: Learning to write in one day undercuts the difficulty of this learning process. He doesn’t think it would be effective.

Dirk Charlson, PDA: He agrees with what we are saying. Is there a mechanism in place that if they make a charge could graduate students apply for individual scholarships.
Answer: We are not really allowed to distribute funds in this way

Mark Beard: Point of information, most schools have money allotted if students go to the schools to attend a seminar, but they have to go to their schools.

Al Ludwig: amend to motion for $500

Ammendment passed by majority
Funding request fails to get majority.

V. Old Business
1. Katrina Victims Support Committee Update: We are continuing to raise support by pushing the sales of buttons.

Dirk Charlson: in conjunction with LSC in administrative suite (105) there is a box of buttons, he encourages us to tell our respective departments that it is a place to buy buttons. They have sold 6.

Tomorrow we will be giving buttons in exchange for $1 in Brady Commons. Lisa Rathje asked that representatives sign up for a 1 hour time slot to help sell buttons. Also, if you want to turn in money and/or buttons you could turn these in to Lisa Rathje or to Holly Parsons in A022 Brady.

Mark Beard: If you are interested in attending University parties to set up booths to solicit money from faculty, etc. talk to Lisa or another officer.

Nius Pyutu: Asked the GPC to comment on the relationship between MSA/GPC in the support effort.

Mark Beard: We worked with Jeff Zielenga and a joint committee with MSA. They felt that they initial fee to purchase the buttons was inappropriate and backed out. There was an article against us in the Maneater. He has asked Lisa to write something for Mizzou Weekly.

Erin Richards: Asked the committee to consider writing an article for the Missourian.

VI. New Business
1. Resolution 0506-07: ASUM Resolution- Lucas Kunce
   ASUM is planning on decreasing their budget. They are asking for a reduction of $0.50 in student fees.

   April Orsborn: Why did we have a $2 fee increase previously?
   Answer: With the distribution of funds this is allowing with the now decrease.
   April Orsborn: Asked if there was a danger that UMSL would join another organization.

   Al Ludwig: Fee decreases are typically unheard of.

   Motion to accept the resolution as written passed by majority.
VII. Officer Reports

Lucas Kunce, State Issues Coordinator: He had previously sent out an email encouraging representatives to fill out a survey on legislative action items. Because only one graduate student completed the survey he will be handing out paper copies and collecting them after the meeting.

Lisa Rathje, National Issues Coordinator: Lisa is looking for people to sign up for the KVSC. Also, if representatives are interested in working with national issues they should think about running for position next year. Lisa talked about funding for student loans and there is no clear idea of the process and what is going on right now. There is a deadline that all the rules will stay in place till Dec. 31, they will probably stay in place through the Spring. If you would like more information visit the website www.studentaidalliance.org, which gives an overview on some of the issues that are currently going on.

Dan Robinson, Programming and Publicity: The Poker tournament had 76 participants and we raised $700 for the Volunteer Action Center. The Cherry Street Artisan Happy Hour is this coming Thursday, December 9th. There will be wine and appetizers served. Next semester there will be RCAF, wine tasting, the Harpo’s event, and others to be announced.

Al Ludwig, Treasurer: Al had nothing to report at this time but mentioned that they could use people on the finance committee.

Steve Schuster, Vice President: The Gold Chalk and Rollins Awards are coming up in the Spring. He will be looking for nominations for these awards. Gold Chalk awards are given out April 6. There are a few spots on the standing committees that need to be filled. One of these positions is for the student fee review committee. We have recently been approached about a student fee increase for the SHC. We are at this time not in support of the increase and are planning on sending a letter to the Student Health Center explaining our concerns. We would like representatives to sign on to this letter as well and to let departments know about the increase.

Mark commented that the SHC wanted to jump on to the fee increase bandwagon. Fee increases can be implemented at the beginning of the semester and if we do not make our concerns known now they may implement the fee prior to the start of the Winter Semester.

Mark Beard: Board of curators meeting last week. Model was proposed to decouple. Updates and explanations of the models can be viewed on the UM system website, www.umsystem. He is meeting with Tuition Task force committee this week. They are also meeting with SPRAC. Next semester a committee will be formed to evaluate renovations that need to be done around the campus, as they are $200 million behind. The school is looking at large fee
increases for students to push next semester. They want $2.5 million to come from students to go towards the renovations. Students will be on this committee and will help in the decision making process.

James Austgen: What is the “for all we call mizzou” program?
Answer: This is to increase the endowment. It will help to create endowed chairs of the various schools that are paid specifically off interest.

Chancellor Deaton talked a lot about graduate students, and we were the second point. He wants the GPLC to meet with Deaton next semester to talk about what his vision is for graduate students are and what they could be doing.

The plans for the Brady center came back with an approved new location of the GPC office.

Mark is continuing to meet with student leaders quarterly. Finally, Mark is working on forming sub-committees to have a mass walk onto the state capitol in March for the support of higher education. He is talking to the Zimmer radio group to get advertisement and looking to get support from Chancellor Deaton.

April Orsborn: Wanted to know if faculty would be encouraged to aid in the effort.
Answer: Faculty and alumni will be encouraged.

James Austgen: Is there precedent in any other state?
Answer: No, we will be the first to do this.

VIII. Liaison Reports

ABGPS- Pius Nyutu, The group had postponed their past meeting. Next week they will be hosting a happy hour.

GSA- Donielle Lovell said that the GSA would sign letters in support of the resolutions. She is working with Rachel on the formation of women’s talking circles. They meet will be having their meeting next week.

PDA- Dirk Charlson, Thanked the assembly for considering the funding request and wanted us to know that there were no hard feelings.

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IX. Announcements
   No announcements at this time.

X. Meeting Adjourned at 7:39 pm