I. Call to Order  
   a. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

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

III. Adoption of Agenda  
   a. The agenda was accepted by acclimation

IV. Action Items  
   1. **Guest speakers** – MSA officers (10 minutes)  
      a. President John Anderson first spoke. He is still working on the  
         changes in student legal services, textbook publishers, and The  
         Big Event at the end of the year. MSA is also working with  
         Columbia City Council who last night passed a city ordinance  
         against nuances. They will be working with the GPC on several  
         resolutions including a resolution regarding the TA language  
         proficiency issue. They have elections coming up.  
      b. Both John Anderson and Davy Holt gave a presentation entitled  
         “Show Me the Money” to explain where the GPC contribution to  
         the MSA budget goes. One of the areas that GPC funds contribute  
         towards include the College Readership program, of which $600  
         was returned to GPC from the left over funds that was put toward  
         another. They are here to address the GPC’s letter to MSA and  
         the big issue about the relationship between GPC/MSA. Money  
         gives GPC complete access to MSA services, auxiliaries, input,  
         and ensures fair pricing. Other things supported include the  
         Center for Student Involvement Support Staff, Web and File  
         Hosting, Board of Elections Commissioners, the Department of  
         Student Activities (Mizzou After Dark has about 15% of graduate  
         student attendance), discounted prices for all Mizzou students to  
         all shows, international programming committees, films, special  
         events, speakers, subsidization of larger shows, the Department  
         of Student Communication, promotion of co-sponsored  
         legislation, the ability to conduct campus wide surveys that  
         include graduate input, etc. Finally the Department of Student  
         Services provides an off campus housing website, activities
Auxiliary services include the STRIPES program (sober/safe rides for students), and the Craft Studio. At the Craft studio, 18% of total membership consist of graduate students, 17% of operation hours are utilized by graduate students, they offer classes, materials, and memberships (equal pricing). Student Legal Services is being expanded to hopefully utilize L2’s and L3’s in SLS to help with caseload. They support the Student Design Center and the MSA/GPC Box office, a licensed Ticket master outlet, which allows students to buy tickets for any show. KCOU 88.1FM, a student run radio station for all MU students, which is a great way for students interested in radio to gain experience. GPC and MSA has a working relationship and communicating both ways.

The floor was opened for questions.

A question was raised regarding the need for a need for more numbers/figures in regards to the use of their services by graduate students.

Answer: Unfortunately they have not well tracked the use of their services by graduate students.

Their budget is posted on the website and it is about $1 million dollars, so our money is about 10% of their budget.

Question: What do you do to promote your services to graduate students?

Answer: That is a great conversation. The best way is to use the GPC listserv and have access to event fliers.

Some of the advertising efforts have included using MBA students to advertise the MizzouAfterDark program. They also try to brand their events as MSA/GPC. The logo is created and is existent and they try to get it used for all events.

2. **Open Forum** – Mark Beard (10 minutes)
   a. President Mark Beard made a call for concerns or issues pertinent to various schools represented by the General Assembly.
      i. The first issue raised was that older buildings on campus have internet issues and low technology. The Switzler building was the first mentioned. The art department feels that they have been promised a better building. In the Business Schools there are lockers and they are far from the door and very few people use the lockers.
Mark encouraged the student from the MBA program to talk directly to the business school about this issue.

At the last GSA meeting they discussed the concerns about the monthly cost of the Internet jacks and wanted to know where the money was going.

Brad: The money goes towards supporting the entire system.

Mark: Right now the University is not looking at implementing several new fees. Last year we discussed the facility fee, which ended up being $4/student/semester. This fee was not implemented and there is not currently a renovation fee to help with some of these issues. But Mark will bring up these issues.

The administration is looking at the fact that schools in the state are getting a higher application pool and they are looking for a way to increase applications at MU and this seems to be the way that they could change this.

The overall cost of our tuition may influence our applicant pool as compared to other Big 12 school. Stipends, cost of living, and tuition are a few of the issues that Dr. Benoit has on her agenda and there is a task force that is working on how to recruit more graduate students.

Chris: Structural safety in the old medical school building and has pipes that are labeled asbestos and she has no way of checking that these are safe.

V. Old Business
1. Graduate Student Housing – Mark Beard (5 minutes)
   a. He spoke today with Dr. Scroggs. There is a plan to provide students to serve on a committee. There are plans to renovate University Village and other apartments around campus. There may also be plans for creating more housing units in the future. The committee is working with Anderson Stickler and if reps would like to serve they should contact the GPC.

The floor was opened up for questions.

Kate: There are quite a few people who are frustrated with having short-term places to allow people with short stays can stay in these places. The leases are on a monthly basis and are for people who are taking “course-work”.
Question: Is there any financial commitment from the administration to support graduate student housing?
Answer: Residential Life is committed now to resolving the issue with Graduate Student Housing. The problem is where the money will come from and the ultimate cost to students of the use of these facilities.

Question: With renovations to University Village, what would happen to students living there?
Answer: The GPC created the playground there and we would possibly provide funds there. As far as the timeline he is unsure.

2. **NAGPS Regional Conference** – Brent Beshore (5 minutes)
   a. Brent and Mark are attending the National Conference next week and will be presenting at this meeting. The regional conference is being scaled down and we hope to bring in approximately 50-100 students for a conference that will last a day and a half.

Question: Will we be having forums for students at schools that do not have a student government but would like to create one?
Answer: Yes, we would invite them to attend.

Departed from the Agenda to present Resolution 6 and 7 prior to the other resolutions.

VI. **New Business**
   1. **Resolution 0607-02** – Resolution to Support the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Mark Beard (5 minutes)
      a. The idea is to seek accreditation from the LEED program for new buildings on campus. This was first sought after for approval for the Brady Commons project. This resolution is a call to the system as a whole on all and any new buildings built on campus.

Question: How much money per building?
Answer: It is a pretty insignificant percentage increase of total building cost. For a $60 million it would have cost $300,000.

Question: Where would the money come from?
Answer: It would be included in the total building cost and would depend on how the building is being funded. It is independent for each building project.

Question: Are other Big 12 campuses building LEED certified buildings?
Answer: Colorado is moving forward with this, as well as New Mexico, Arizona, etc. This is catching on and there are no current buildings in Missouri.
The Environmental affairs committee tried to push for the LEED certification. The energy savings far outweigh the upfront costs and resources are becoming limiting and this is a way that we become proactive in promoting.

The issue is cost and that is possibly why it would not be voted in favor for.

Jeff Zielenga: It was included in the original building costs, but when the bid came back with $300,000 and they felt that the system was unable to meet the precedent that would be set by MU.

Question: Does certification lead to benefits later? Could you meet the standards without meeting accreditation?
Answer: The accreditation gives you public exposure. The accreditation is $70,000 of the $300,000.

Question: Is there any commitment from the state to promote more funding?
Answer: No

Resolution 0607-02 passed unanimously

2. **Resolution 0607-03** – Resolution in Support of Amending the Method for Calculating Graduate Student Fees – Al Ludwig (5 minutes)

   a. Graduate students are paying a reduced student fee unless they are enrolled in 12 hours. The resolution is to remove this problem and make graduate students receiving full-time student benefits but paying a part-time student fee. The most that this would raise for any graduate student would be about $30/student/semester. This would benefit GPC in the long run by providing student fee monies.

   Question: Would all the fees be increased?
   Answer: Only the activity fee would increase. He couldn’t get hard numbers, but would at most be a $30 increase.

   Question: What is the total of fees we have approved this year?
   Answer: This year we have only approved $3.40 increase.

   Question: Is the University going to change the education fee?
   Answer: This doesn’t address that and only addresses the student fee (strictly non-academic). Tuition is per credit hour.

   Question: Is there any other fee on campus where this is occurring? The fee schedule is complicated and she is afraid that this would set a precedent.
   Answer: Al cannot guarantee if there is another loop hole where graduate students are not currently the full fee allocation.
Question: This goes into effect next fall?
Answer: Yes

Question: Could you reduce the overall fee to make it that once these go into effect you reach the same overall amount of money?
Answer: It is difficult to predict that.

Resolution 0607-03 passed by majority.

3. **Resolution 0607-04** – Resolution in Support of the Creation of a College Readership Program Fee – Al Ludwig (5 minutes)
   a. This resolution is in regards to the newly created readership program. The money comes from the top of our fee before any of the money goes to GPC or MSA.

   Resolution 0607-04 passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution 0607-05** – Resolution in Support of Campus Policy to Block Peer-2-Peer File Sharing – Brad Wilders (5 minutes)
   a. Limiting of peer-2-peer file sharing was limited during night hours and now ISC wants to completely block those services and adopt an administrative fee to collect from students caught downloading or sharing copyrighted materials. They want to detour the activity and to offset costs.

   Question: What are the legality concerns for policing students?
   Answer: There is no legality issue since the fee is in response to the need to respond to complaints. This is a way to protect from liability.

   Question: If you are blocking it, how is there a fee?
   Answer: The blocks are not perfect and do not prevent all sharing that is going on.

   Question: How are they blocking illegal sharing?
   Answer: He does not think legal traffic would be blocked.

   Question: Would we get benefits from this fee?
   Answer: They could help increase security protection in the department.

   Comment: Peer-2-peer is part of the Internet, and everything is connected to internet. And if we don’t promote internet and p-2-p, we will cause problems in internet sharing.

   Resolution 0607-05 passed by majority.
5. **Resolution 0607-06** – Resolution in Favor of a Fee Increase for the Department of Student Life – Mark Lucas (5 minutes)

a. Last spring he was given a charge to create a master plan for the next 5 years of the department. He put together a proposal for this vision and a need for some new money. The resolution reflects the 5-year plan that they have created. Campus activities and late night programming and most of what they do cater to both graduate and undergraduate students. Most activities are social and education, their programming are every Friday night and two others throughout the semester. The first year they would ask for money is 2009 and will increase over the five years. The next is the creation for a center of leadership development programs. Prevention programming and most of what they do is grant funded. The diversity initiative to address the needs for more diverse programming and they would be collaborating with student governments. The creation for an Office of academic programming, which would help advertise speakers coming to campus. Monies for a Marketing and Webmaster person, which right now they have a graduate student who works 20 hours a week and they want a full-time position. Student center operations are the last and they need operating costs to fulfill the need of the new building. Salary adjustments for those in the department are also needed, their salaries are between the mid and low range when compared to similar type departments at other University.

The floor was opened for questions.

Question: What is the total increase at the end of the 5 years?  
Answer: $10, which is $2 a year for 5 years.

Question: What other avenues of funding?  
Answer: Development and prevention. They rely on grants and will be just as aggressive they have been in the past to explore those grants and development dollars.

Question: What new position is being created?  
Answer: A receptionist to greet people to the center of Student Development.

Question: What is development?  
Answer: Finding money from alumni or other donors who would contribute programmatically and who would be willing to contribute to the developing of the building.

Question: What is under Student Life and how do you minimize duplication of services?  
Answer: They have 18 departments within student life. They pride themselves on being the best collaborators and partner with MSA/GPC to provide stronger programming.
Question: What role beyond being a greeter would the receptionist have?
Answer: This person would answer phones, serve as director for the building, handle the large facility, they will be the primary programmer, marketing events, encouraging more people to get involved outside of the classroom, etc.

Al Ludwig, summarized the resolution in favor for the fee increase and recognition that it is needed. The resolution is only for the first year and will be reviewed on a yearly basis.

Move to accept the resolution with friendly (spelling) amendment.

Resolution 0607-06 passed by majority.

6. Resolution 0607-07 – Resolution in Favor of a Fee Increase for Parking and Transportation – Jim Joy (5 minutes)
a. Last year he came to the GPC for an increase in fee for a shuttle field. 3 years ago they opened a parking lot at reactor field with a shuttle service that had not been funded the first year. This past year they had a $2 fee increase that has been successful. They currently need more funding due to the increase in the transportation bid that they have with the City of Columbia to run for these buses. He provided the budget needs and the fact that they have paved the parking lot and put in lights. The resolution makes a recommendation for $1.00 increase which would provide about $75,000 going toward their expenses. On campus transit and parking for graduate students is an issue. In this next year they will look at moving 300-400 hospital employee to Hearnes. This is just a continuation of next year.

Question: Do you know where the money that they collect ($10) to park on Reactor field on games days?
Answer: No, he gets $5 of that fee.

Al: The SFRC committee felt that they did not have the hard numbers and that the $1.00 fee increase was a fair raise. The resolution was written to put the burden on the people using the core campus parking rather than on the student population as a whole.

Question: Would the parking fee increase? Is that something that the GPC vote on?
Answer: Yes, that is something that would be voted on.

The $1 would be student fees in general and the parking permit is individual which is assessed directly to the account.

The Chancellor approves parking fees.
Question: How many graduate students currently utilize Reactor Field? If there is a shift to Hearnes Center, how many graduate students would be sent to Reactor Field?
Answer: Jim did not know the hard numbers and they do not check IDs. In regards to the shift, he can envision a shift from the Maryland and Virginia garage.

Question: Do they pay a parking fee to park in commuter lots and to ride the transit?
Answer: They do not collect a fee to ride the bus.

Al Ludwig commented that funding Reactor field gives us better parking in turn. We reap the benefits of the shuttle service.

Resolution 0607-07 passed by a majority.

7. **Travel Awards** – Al Ludwig (5 minutes)
Finance committee reviewed the applications. 3 were not approved, 2 because they were not complete. They tried to fund as much as they could and funded those based on merit.

Question: What is a Travel Award?
Answer: GPC funds research travel to present their work abroad.

Do you have a report on which departments were awarded?

We can’t fund students to go to network at different conferences. We want to encourage it but cannot pay for it.

How do you score these? The objectives are on the website and made it an effort to make it more transparent to those applying for awards.

The travel awards are given each semester and help out with the committee.

Travel awards accepted by unanimous vote.

VII. Officer Reports
a. Damon Ferlazzo, State Issues Coordinator: The “Pizza for a Poll” event to determine what students want ASUM to lobby for in Jefferson City went well and they had good student turn out. Damon recently sent out an email regarding Election Day issues. He also sponsored the GPC Candidate forum, which went well but had relatively small student representation. ASUM has changed their constitution and there is a cut in the budget of ASUM that has been approved. He will be working on a letter writing campaign next semester and specifically focus on issues regarding the funding of higher education.

b. Al Ludwig, Treasurer: He is working on the Hearnes center bond issue and changes to student fees.
c. Jen Holland, Programming and Publicity: She distributed a Spring programming ballot to poll the representatives for ideas. She also promoted the MSA website stufftodo.missouri.edu and noted that November 10th is the Party Around the World and mentioned that the site lists other MSA things that we have can access. The GPC Tailgate, karaoke event, and Vu event went very well and we had great turn out for each of these events. The next event is a family movie night, which will probably feature “Cars”. RCAF is coming up February 17 and she asked that representatives begin advertising this to their departments.
d. Steve Schuster, Vice President: Upcoming spring events include Rollins Society and Gold Chalk Awards. The applications for both of these awards are now on the GPC website. He also reminded representatives that the Roberts rules of order are in the handbook and that these should be reviewed.
e. Mark Beard: Tuition may not increase next year and he will be keeping us up to date with this issue. Mark asked representatives to question students in their department if they would use bicycles on campus that could be rented out for the day from the graduate school. Finally last night the city council passed the noise ordinance, which we had passed a resolution against last year.

VIII. Liaison Reports
a. GSA: They made an announcement that the Graduate Council passed a confidentiality clause for written dissertation, which prohibits the use of classified or restricted data from being used in the document.

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.