I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Minutes
   1. Minutes adopted

III. Adoption of Agenda
   1. Agenda adopted

IV. Action Items
   1. Open Forum – Mark Beard (10 minutes)
      a. Reporting back: Internet access (Switzler Hall). Talked with Kevin Bailey and suggested placing a Nat Router on some computers in labs. Cannot create other IP addresses, etc. If students have concerns they should talk to departments and those departments need to pay for extra ports. For Switzler hall concerns representatives should talk to Mike Watson. Departments are responsible for providing more computers if needed, so talk to them for concerns first. Second item, all facilities are managed when it comes to Asbestos. Contact Phil Shocklee if it seems that there is destruction in any of the labeled areas on campus.

      b. Problem with Resolution from last week on raising some fees for graduate students who are considered full time but are only taking 9 hours (fee increase of around $30).

      c. Print smart quota for graduate students may go up to a $50 quota instead of $35. People may be able to buy in bulk amounts for a reduced price per page. More info will be given to us when it goes through.

V. Old Business
   1. Graduate Student Housing – Mark Beard (5 minutes)
      a. GPC working on short-term solutions along with Student Life. GSA is working on gathering other information for people affected.
b. The University if purchasing Tara Apartments for graduate and professional student housing. Cost at Tara Apartments will stay the same, but lease terms will not be staying the same initially. They will be reevaluated as the University assumes control. Students that currently live in Tara will be allowed to extend their leases if they choose to do so, but some want to be there to not be in student housing. Students that live in Terrace will have first choice in living at Tara and then it will be opened up to others that fit the criteria. GPC needs to consider if they will want to move the day care from Univ. Village when it undergoes renovation. Contact Residential Life 882-7275 (Marianne Friedman). Question about efficiencies of it all. University has been looking into this. Tara takes money and puts it back into the apartment complex. Univ. may alter cost of living, but needs to maintain neatness. Question: What is the net gain? Increase of 14-15% in housing.

2. **NAGPS Regional Conference** – Brent Beshore (5 minutes)

   a. Regency Hotel downtown booked (20 rooms +) for Conference. People have committed to coming in the spring. Good contacts were made during the national conference and University of MO-Columbia won the award for best student government.

   b. Some legislature: Non-discriminatory (some bi-laws were changed to expand this). Parental and Familial leave policy passed. Health coverage: seeking to get better medical, dental, and vision coverage for students. Promotion of diversity being worked on throughout the year. Civic participation was another big topic to help international students seek permanent citizenship.

   c. National conference held at University of Texas-Austin next year.

VI. **New Business**

1. **Resolution 0607-08** – Dr. Even (10 minutes)

   a. SFRC met with health center in September and they were informed that there would be an increase (no number at that time). Three main points: process was not done as well as others (not enough time to look at numbers and communicate and negotiate), the amount of services provided is outstanding, but they think there may be other ways to raise money, and the fee increase would cause a mandatory referendum.

   b. Dr. Susan Evan to discuss issue. Apologized for process not going smoothly and provided handouts. She understands difficult position everyone is in. Wants to have best health care for lowest cost for largest amount of students. Looking at mental health needs and these issues are not being looked at in
an efficient manor (last year had a 14% increase). 27% of students that visit are graduate and professional students. Looking at the cost of adding additional health professional for counseling and psych help, fee increase for this. Health care increases on different curve than other fees on campus, so this needs to be taken into consideration. Other uses of revenue are for malpractice insurance increases and for cost of living increases for current staff members. Charging students for labs, tests, etc. to raise money would cause premiums to be changed by other companies. MU is not the highest or lowest as far as health fee charges.

b. Question: What other options looked at for funding? Labs have been considered, but some of the lab fees have decreased and numbers are never study year after year. Question: Numbers on usage of mental services used? This has not been looked at completely over the years, but looks to be around a 14% increase. However, it is known that the rate for this is increasing more than other health care needs. Questions: Why the urgency and not look at it next year? Problems with waiting times for students in crisis. Question: What is the need for the nurse? Don’t cost as much and with certain training can prescribe medication and complete other procedures a doctor could do. Question: Last school year was a 0% increase and numbers have been jumping around, how not mistake again? An error was made with decisions for fee increases. The 9% increase that followed was to make up for a lack of previous increase. Question: Would imposing a fee on tests cause people to not get tests when not needed or not get them if they need them? Doctors should not be ordering tests that students do not need. The tests done should be for the student benefits and not all of them will have the income to pay those extra fees, but they should still be able to get treated. Question: How much money does average lab cost students? Vary greatly, but most common tests in $20 range. Question: If graduate students feel different about the resolution than undergrads, will fees vary? No, there should not be a difference, but it was important for this to be a joint resolution. Question: Possibility of other ways for money not looked at? Funds have been looked into, especially working with the Counseling center on campus, but Psychiatrists and Psychologists are very different. The next time that this issue could be looked at again would be in a year.

c. Resolution passes by a majority.

2. Resolution 0607-09 – (10 minutes)

a. Club sports now in a separate fee. Information passed out about club sports. Risk management is important aspect in
this resolution. Number of clubs increasing, so need more supervision, insurance, first aid kits to clubs, etc. About 40 sports clubs and 1-3 graduate students per clubs and leaders, officers, etc. Would like to hire 3 student positions to help out with taking on roles for supervising. Would like to provide traveling teams with First aid kits and have an AD available on off-site areas. Asking for a $0.63 fee increase to provide these extras.

b. Question: Is hazing an actual problem? Not exactly, but just took over some of the club sports so not sure of what all happens out there. Question: Are there dues for clubs? Yes, there are dues for almost all. Depending on the tier is how much they owe back. Question: Why can’t you add fees to their dues to make up for money? Some are paying big dues, so want to keep it safe and affordable. Also, recreation center is yielding some of these costs, so this is a way to relieve this from them. Question: Is this a separate fee from recreation fee? Yes, it would be part of the Student Activity fees. Question: Would health insurance cover any of this? Many athletic endeavors are not covered by student health plans, so insurance Club sports pays covers this.

c. Resolution passes by a majority.

3. Resolution 0607-10 – Al Ludwig (10 minutes)
   a. ASUM is great, but it lost its executive director, which was a huge cost. Probably will not get another one, so looking for a fee decrease. Proposed fee decrease of a $1.06.
   b. Resolution passes by a majority.

VII. Officer Reports
1. Brent Beshore- Send out request for things to be lobbied for in D.C.
2. Al Ludwig-Send him questions about travel awards from department
3. Jen Holland-Friday at the Martini Bar from 6-9pm and a $3.00 cover charge all you can drink and some food to munch on. Band starting around 10pm and we can stay for free. ARCAF information on website. New pictures on GPC website.
4. Mark Beard-April 16-21 is going to be Graduate Education Week. The governor announces this event and Norma Jackson will have a presentation, James Lang on April 20, Graduate School awards on April 24. Go back to departments and help with Adventures in Education schedules for the Saturday of that week. Kids come to Jesse Hall and see what we do in graduate school. Looking to get as many departments involved as possible,
so planning ahead. SPRAC meeting and looking at interdisciplinary research/teaching on campus. New possibilities for awards and grants for this type of collaboration. MU Vision Statement has 5 goals listed by Chancellor Brady Deaton. Goal 1 is to prepare students for work and life in a global community. Look to create some scholarships and an increase in stipends. Goal 2 is grow research and stature of grad education and bring an increase in faculty salary. Not going into details of other goals. Lastly, next semester lots of interesting topics to discuss. One of these is looking at publishers going through MU bookstore to lower costs of books for students and to make costs more even on campus from one department to another.

VIII. Liaison Reports
   1. GSA-Look for an email about housing issues for students.

IX. Announcements-No announcements today.

X. Adjournment