Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
May 6th, 2008

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Minutes:
   a. Motion to change minutes: under annual budget review; should be amended to state the following: GRA position should be reviewed after one year. Second.
   b. Minutes passed with amendment

III. Adoption of Agenda
   i. agenda adopted by acclamation

IV. Action Items

1. Presentation from Dr. Robin Walker on new Graduate Assistant Position – 15 minutes: Works for the graduate school full time, focused on communication, external relations, and professional development. She emphasized that professional services reflects career development, student development, academic and non-academic. She also discussed the skill set and knowledge that the new GA should have: most important someone who can relate well to other graduate students. She hopes that they will be a front line person for career services, excellent communication skills. She spoke about first step being taking an inventory of current services being offered, emphasized that Provost does not want to duplicate services. She wants to fill gaps in career services currently being offered. The GA position has been posted on HireMizzouTigers.com and emphasized that the Reps should work to spread the word of mouth. Already have 2 applicants, would like to interview 5-6 candidates. However she acknowledges that everyone is trying to finish up with school, but is willing to continue to advertise the position to get the right person in the job- she feels like it is critical to make the first step very positive. Hiring date of this position is flexible, could begin as early as July 1. She would start someone as late as August 15.

   Question: Leslie Rill: graduate student fees being spent on this position, asked what specifically what the person would be doing?
Answer: Dr. Walker referred the job description. GA would be in charge of answering student’s questions, both walk in and on phone. Help update calendar of career related events/professional events. Upkeep website, responsible for monitoring hard materials (pamphlets, books, handouts, etc).

Q: Disraelly Cruz (GSA): Vita viewing hours, would those be consistent?
A: Dr. Walker: Space set up for career services, would like to see regular hours in career services to take advantage of existing services

2. **Presentation from Seth Botts, Student Fee Review Committee (SFRC)** – 15 minutes: Three GPC seats available on SFRC. SFRC functions with MSA/GPC to review student fees. Looking for 2 people to work hard on SFRC. Goals: would like to increase recruitment, increase communication with committee and GPC, time commitment 2-5 hours/week. Deadline for applications a week from Thursday. First meeting in the fall will be second week of school in the fall.

V. *Old Business*

1. **Thai Student Association** – Artitaya Jantaraprapa (5 minutes):
   update on Thai night, no one showed up

VI. *New Business*

1. **SFRC Positions** – Eva Sutton (3 minutes): Applications for SFRC available. Leslie Rill comment: Very important to have graduate students at the SFRC meetings.

2. **Open Forum** – Alaine Arnott (10 minutes): met with Dr. Walker a few times. Would like to get a better idea of what services we would like to see.

   - **Disraelly Cruz:** establish a base, what criteria are we judging the performance of the GA on?
   - **Evan Cameron (medicine):** worries about not serving professional students. May offer workshops on understanding
   - **Pendington (medicine):** interview skills critical for med students, important for the GA to understand for medical students
   - **Michael (Physics):** graduate school to go into academia, networking so critical for landing academic jobs.
   - **Karen Hubbert (psych):** suggested collecting information about the representation of students. Then ask who needs what?
   - **Leslie Rill (communication):** Suggested services on "what happens after you land the job?" Benefits, negotiation

   **Motion to extend time, seconded** - passed

   **Alaine went to discuss MISC elections**, interior of the new Student Center looks great, move-in Dec. Finally constructing a Bylaw Committee, hoping to be more progressive. Will be headed up by
Maggie Schlarman and Sarah Symonds. Signing up for this committee will count towards your committee commitment. See Maggie or Sarah if you are interested. Meeting frequency will depend on everyone’s availability. Thanked representatives and Dr. Zeilenga.

VII. Officer Reports
Karen Kraus (National Issues Coordinator): just getting started, Congress looking at streamlining FAFSA
Maggie Schlarman (State): Textbook Bill should get passed, Student Curator bill- currently in the House, may have a clause added to it, but hope this doesn’t happen because it will kill the bill, voter registration
Jen: Sign attendance sheet, email GPC email address with new in
Eva: Emphasized importance of SFRC
Liz: Bengals happy hour successful, first event in the fall, more details to come, link on website for survey on programming
Sarah: no report
Alaine: Gold Chalk and Rollins went really well.

VIII. Liaison Reports
ABGPS: planning meeting next Wednesday, meeting with Black Cultural Center to coordinate schedules, ambitious new president
GSA: elected new officers, banquet went well, encouraged departments to participate in GSA, information offered on faculty meeting on Thursday.
GSP: no report
PDA: no report
MUCFR: no report
MSAC: no report
SCAVMA: no report

IX. Announcements
Announcements: Tyler Jameson flyers outside on table. Angela AuBuchon volunteering group announcement.

X. Adjournment: meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:50pm