Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
September 2, 2008

I. Call to Order- done at 6pm

II. Adoption of Minutes

III. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Question, Angela AuBuchon: Are elections and nominations both tonight?
   b. Agenda amended so that at-large elections will be held in October, but nominations will be taken tonight

IV. Action Items
   1. **Presentation from Sarah Symonds on GPC Meeting Decorum and Roberts’ Rules of Order** (3 minutes)
      - Pointed out parliamentary procedure information in handbook, also reviewed how to address the General Assembly.
      - Representatives are asked to state their name, their department and then their question.
   2. **Presentation from Dr. Robin Walker and Sampath Devaram on new Graduate Assistant Position** – (15 minutes)
      - Blackboard site: available for students to seek additional career information
      - Writing help: Preparing Future Faculty, minor in college teaching
      - Working on a dossier service: packet of credentials, CVs, etc goes into application. Currently a dossier service through College of Ed. Looking to more comprehensive program, widely recommended- service called Interfolio. Going through legal review and if all goes well, should be up and running a few weeks
      - Seminar Interest Survey- all ready to go, but needed students to get back into; will be on GPC website and Grad School website. Critical to hear
      - Seminar Workshop Series
• Network and Referrals: working to understand career services across campus, broadening the scope of services and connections across campus.
• Career counseling and preparation: office hours; mock interviews, other strength assessments. Can meet directly with Sampath in Career Services
• Website resources: making it more streamlined
• Discussion:
  o Q: CFrancis: Facebook? What is this about?
  o A: GPC has a facebook page, but the survey will be available on Facebook and on Grad School website
  o Q: Students with dependents? How are these services going to be made family friendly?
  o A: Good point, will be worked on.
  o Q: Disraelly Cruz, Communication proxy: New position on networking in the Office of Provost, are there plans for these positions to work together?
  o A: Will look into and let the GA
  o Q: Evan Cameron, Med School: What is going to be done for schools with specialties, like med students going onto a residency.
  o A: Sample copies of CVs will be made available, connections being made with Medical School establish more resources
    ▪ Robin Walker: Important thing to note, we are just starting. The Provost is highly interested in these issues. The survey is critical to ID issues and needs to be used not only within the Graduate School, but also to hand it up to the Provost. The charge is not to duplicate services, but we need to identify the service gaps. Need documentation via survey
  o Q: Disraelly Cruz: Timeline, what is the needs assessment timeline?
  o A: Robin Walker: With so many people gone over the summer during May when people are leaving, decided that it would be better to wait until students were back on campus.
  o Q: Angela AuBuchon: What sorts of documentation is being done to ID who is using the services
  o A: Swipe card, Excel spreadsheet are being used to keep track of who is using the services
    ▪ Sam will be attending every General Assembly

3. Presentation from Dr. Jeff Zeilenga – New student center update (10 minutes)
   i. Needs assessment identified that a new student center was needed. Average student center fee is 100-150 per
semester. The student fee for MU Student Center will be $35 per semester. MU Student Center Phase I will be complete January 1 2009. This will include the Leadership Lounge, Center for Student Involvement. Will include offices for GPC, etc. Slowly vacating the building. Project II will begin in February 2009 - will demolish current Brady. Will be replaced with much more meeting space, limestone façade, better capacity and study space for students. Handles 10k students, will go up to 15k students. Healthier food options (5-6 dining options). January will offer a chamber auditorium, seats 120. Priority will be given to GPC/ MSA. Could be opened up as some classroom space. The Shack is coming back! Piece of nostalgia containing carvings of old structure.

 ii. Discussion: no questions

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

1. **Introduction to GPC** – Alaine Arnott (10 minutes)
   - Tools to be utilized through GPC: travel awards, RCAF, General Funding
   - Executive Board Introductions
     - President: Alaine Arnott
     - VP: Sarah Symonds
     - Programming: Elizabeth Roberts
     - State Issues: Maggie Schlarman
     - National Issues: Karen Kraus
     - Webmaster: Adam Howard
   - Expectations of representatives
     - What is a Rep?
     - You are the liaison between your dept and the GPC
     - As of February we will be meeting in the new student Center
     - Normal representatives, can send a proxy
     - At-large reps can non send a proxy
     - Committees: Must serve on an internal committee and an external committee
     - Pass on information to your departments
   - Discussion: no questions

2. **Open Forum**- Alaine Arnott (10 minutes)
   i. Disraelly Cruz: Fee waiver task force update?
   ii. A: No meetings over summer
   iii. Q: Carlos, Plant Sciences: Health insurance lag between graduate school and any emergencies have to be covered by the student. Why can’t this be handled in advance?
July 31st to August 15th – if something big happens, what is the student supposed to do?

iv. A: Should be able to pro rate. The money would then be reimbursed later.

v. Q: Disraelly Cruz: There are some services they won’t reimburse you for.

vi. Q: Robin Mabry: Since 2001, this issue has been consistent.

vii. Q: Evan Cameron, Med School: Medical student policy starts on Aug 1st, person at the Cashiers can’t send payment. Students are being forced to pay this out of pocket.

viii. Q: Dr. Zeilenga: Someone from Benefits may be advantageous

ix. Q: Robin Mabry: Whatever happened to the plan that allowed healthier students to enroll with the MU Master Plan?

x. Q: Kate Hertweck, Biological Sciences: Academic Affairs that dissertation research is not considered “university business”.

xi. Q: Robin Mabry: Researchers who are ABD and office space, are you entitled to space?

xii. Q: Disraelly Cruz: Printing quota is back $35, why?

xiii. A: Liz Roberts: It’s the same amount whether you pay it in fees or you purchase it at the printer.

xiv. Robin Hubbert: GPC has argued that grad/prof students need a higher print quota.

xv. CFrancis, ABGPS: I’m trying to figure out the experience that graduate students are supposed to get out of the teaching experience. There is no technological resources for TAs, the appropriate tools are not available.

3. Officer Elections- led by Alaine Arnott

a. Treasurer(nomination and elections tonight)

i. Information about the position (Alaine Arnott): 9hrs, vice chair of SFRC, meets weekly, in charge of GPC budget

ii. Point of Information (Disraelly Cruz)- running in absentia?

iii. Leslie Rill nominated by Disraelly Cruz

iv. Seconded

v. Tony Klenke nominated

vi. Seconded

vii. Adam Howard Nominated

viii. Seconded

ix. Leslie Rill (absent) (nomination speech given by Disraelly Cruz): Qualified for this position- served on SFRC and served on GPC finance committee


xii. Sara Symonds: Students are allowed to speak on behalf of the nominated individuals.
   1. Borda vote is needed
   2. 3 impartial vote collectors
      a. Dr. Zeilenga (advisor)
      b. Alaine Arnott (Presiding Officer)
      c. Cece MacFarland (Theater)
      d. Sampath Devaram (MBA)
      e. Misty Lambert (Ag. Education Dept.)

xiii. Outcome: Leslie Rill won election

b. At-Large Reps (nominations only)
   i. Karen Hebbert (Psych)
   ii. Robin Hubbard (sociology)
   iii.

VII. Officer Reports
   a. Webmaster
   b. State Issues: Maggie: Board member on ASUM. Updates: textbook transparency bill made law on Aug. 28, 2009. Student Curator bill vetoed by Gov. Blunt. Veto session Sept 10th- ASUM will be involved with this, will send interns down to Jefferson City. Senate will probably take this on, may not be taken on in the House. Sept 22 and 23: system wide voter registration. Boone Co. no residency requirement. Via the listserve will keep you posted.
   c. National Issues: No report
   d. Secretary: sign up
   e. Treasurer: no report
   f. Programming: Thanks for coming to the Welcome Event. Upcoming events Karaoke, Déjà vu ($2/person), flyers to pick up from Liz. Meet-n-greet at the Forge and Vine after this meeting. CV Doctors- October 8th- soliciting nominations for faculty. RCAF Saturday March 7th.
   g. Vice President: Sign up for committees
   h. President: October 24th for Travel Awards

VIII. Liaison Reports
ABGPS: Working to improve membership. Activity Mart next Monday. Big event this fall more to come.
GSA: Have not met yet.
GSP: No report
MUPA: Have not met yet.
MUCFR: no report
MSAC: No report
SBA: No report
SCAVMA: No report

IX. Announcements- none

X. Adjournment- meeting adjourned at 7:30pm