Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
October 7, 2008

I. Call to Order - 6:04pm

II. Adoption of Minutes - no amendments
   a. Motioned and seconded
   b. Adopted by acclamation

III. Adoption of Agenda
   a. Motion to change Item A under Funding Request to state: India Night
   b. Seconded; passed

IV. Action Items

1. **Presentation from Gwen Daniels on SFRC Goals** – (5 minutes)
   Purpose of SFRC: Review budgets. Made up of several at large undergrad members, Leslie Rill (GPC Treasurer), and 2 others that represent Grad/prof students. SFRC has scheduled meetings with all necessary groups who use our student fees. Goal of committee is to review budgets and determine who needs fee increases
   a. CFrancis: What purpose do you serve specifically?
   b. Gwen: Groups using student fees have to meet with us, justify their fee needs and then SFRC makes recommendations

   CFrancis: Do the fees stay forever?
   Gwen: No.

   Alaine: What changes are being made this year?
   Gwen: Groups Sports Clubs. Counseling Center, and Student life are asking for fee increases. We would like to see improved communication between graduate and undergraduate students

2. **Presentation from Christine O’Brien on RecyclInc** – (5 minutes)
   Promoting Recycle Inc- working to recycle printer cartridges. Encouraging us to recycle our printer cartridges.

   Carlos: Are the materials being sold?
   Christine: No. SustainMIZZOU and General Stores retain the profits. Leaving fliers for drop off bins.

   CFrancis: How is SustainMIZZOU funded? Are you self sustaining?
   Christine: Non-profit- all of our money is through donations.
   CFrancis: What happens to the recycling collected?
Christine: It goes to Columbia Recycling. Locations of recycling: One downstairs outside TigerTech, Pershing, TigerTech

Chet: Suggested one downstairs in Middlebush

3. **Presentation from Karen Gruen on Health Insurance** – (10 minutes)

   a. Karen works in Graduate School- opening the floor for grad students, Q/A

   Carlos (Plant Sciences): Questions about gap between summer semester and beginning fall semester in the graduate student’s health insurance

   Karen: Let me explain the procedure as it occurs: To enroll in insurance, you must be registered. Once you are registered in June, you could enroll in June. First list would go to insurance company at the end of July, the cashiers office sends list to insurance company once a week. Then it takes the insurance company 3-6 business days to kick in and then you are in the system. If you knew what classes you were taking by the end of June and could register, enroll in insurance, and then you could have your insurance by Aug 15

   Bills: making the first payment. If you registered after the bill ran, like the 25th, then your bill wouldn’t be due for 2 months.

   Q: What happens during through the few weeks that there is a lapse?  
   A: There is no lapse in coverage!!

   Q: International students?  
   A: International Students coverage ends July 31 starts Aug 1

   Q: Evan Cameron: Medical students? Medical students was told there was no plan, but there was a clickable plan. Cashiers was completely no help.

   A: If you enroll in Domestic insurance as Medical School will send a list to the company.

   Q: Cameron: Office of Medical Education did know about any of this and are completely unaware of this. We got a lot of resistance.

   A: Person in Cashiers doing the list for the insurance company did give me this information, but will go back to these folks for clarification.

   Motion to extend discussion by 5min. Seconded; passed.

   Q: Gramlich, Physics: Students have trouble enrolling students that early in July.

   A: If the departmental secretary can get that information to Karen earlier, then it would be fixable.

   Q: CI: International students, vaccines covered?

   A: International insurance has changed to match domestic insurance- coverage is the same. With the domestic insurance, there is a $100 deductible, and then there is a 20% match up to 3000k out of pocket. The graduate school assured Karen that there was a letter that was sent out informing people of the change. And the International Center was on board as well.

   Q: Could we receive the information about the differences between the cards?  
   A: The information did not come from my office, but if you take a card, I can get you that information
Q: Disraelly Cruz: Has there been an effort to publicly address these frequently asked questions?
A: There are number resources online at the Graduate School website.
Alaine: A number of resources are being compiled for professional schools and the graduate school to be put on the GPC website.
Q: International students hear about insurance for the first time during the Grad School Orientation. Address issue
A: David Curry told Karen that this information was sent out to all incoming international students.
Q: This was not communicated to international students
A: If the issue is not signing up early enough, is it possible for Karen to send the Departments a heads up.
Q: Karen sends out Department email; some dept are better than others about forwarding this on.

4. **Presentation from Dana Darney on Students as Parents** – (10 minutes)
Missouri Prevention Center- Opportunity for Parents. Incredible Years for children ages 3-10. Program that is backed by a number of research studies. On campus, can also email the information.
Q: CFrancis: If you are a student, but you can’t make it- can the partner attend?
A: Yes, though the best might be to have both partners attend
Q: Time commitment
A: four, 2hr sessions. Will be doing 2 different session and take poll on availability.
Q: Will this continue?
A: Will be dependent on funding.

V. Old Business

* **Graduate Career Services Position Update – Sampath Devaram**
(10 Minutes)- Jesse Hall 402 B Office
Has office hours, but can meet one on one for help with Sam. Launching a Blackboard site, it has been launched. Must self enroll. Grad School site has instructions on how to enroll. 104 students enrolled right now. Survey: only 26 responses to online. Discipline specific job seminars, most requested
- Here to bounce some ideas and get a better response rate?
- Q: Disraelly: Just now noticed the survey. What was done to get the word out?
- Sam: On Grad School website, GPC, etc
- Maggie: Lots of “System Undeliverable” messages; often times students don’t keep their mailboxes open to get messages.
- Disraelly: Use the Graduate School resources to send out an email to all students
- Sam: Will discuss with Dr. Walker.
- Q (Classics): Most students don’t want the rubbish.
- Erin (English): If they see GPC, they think it just from me as the Rep.
- Sam: Upcoming workshops and seminars and CV Doctors
VI. New Business

1. **Funding Requests**
   
   a. **India Night** (7 minutes)
   
   Event of theater, music and dance centered around the culture of India.
   
   Finance Committee: Recommendation was $400
   
   Mike Gramlich: How much were they funded last year?
   
   Leslie: $500
   
   MMI Q: Estimated number of graduate and students. It was just an estimation. Maybe next year they could have a sign up to better tell how many students were graduate or professional students.
   
   Leslie: we can make that recommendation.
   
   Motion for $500. Seconded. Passed at $500.
   
   b. **Multi-Cultural Center Asian Affairs** (7 minutes)
   
   Weekly event for informal discussion every Thursday from 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Event is Round Table. Many countries are represented. Has held 5 events. First event had 100+ participants, subsequent events have had approx. 30. 28 events held per year. Sponsors: Asian Affairs Center, international center, multicultural center.
   
   Q: How is it being promoted?
   
   A: Emails sent to international and domestic students. Most students have signed up for the event to get information.
   
   Q: Attendance is ~30, what is the make up, is it the same people?
   
   A: About 20 the same, 10 new
   
   Q: How does the Multicultural Hour differ from other University Events/clubs?
   
   Comment: Event is more like an educational event to help international students understand the American culture.
   
   Q: CFrancis: But that function doesn’t preclude it from being a club?
   
   Q: Disraelly: That’s my question, are we funding the pumpkin carving or are we funding the educational events?
   
   Discussion: Finance committee recommendation: $300. They are asking $600. Reason being people on the committee felt like it was difficult that it was unclear what the grad/undergrad was. Also that most of the money was being used for food.
   
   Q: So we are funding the parties for friends?
   
   A: remember we can not deny the ability for groups to apply for funding.
   
   Q: Maria: We have $2500, we should fund more events that everyone can go and learn something new
   
   A: These events are open to everyone- so we should think about that too
   
   Q: CFrancis: Fine for funding them this time, but should request that they open up their advertising to more people.
   
   A: Kristopferson: Agrees with CFrancis. They should document how they advertise.
   
   Q: Liz: For someone who has attended. Its more like a word of mouth sort of thing.
   
   A: Kate (Law): How much of our $2500 do we use each semester?
   
   Leslie: Typically use 80%.
Leslie: Last year was funded at $300. Motion to fund at $300. Seconded. Passed at $300.

c. **Educational Psychology and Counseling** (7 minutes)

Helen Neville Multicultural Speaker Series: Brought in Melba Basques. Event centered around ethical consideration around mental health. Offered multiple opportunities for students to participate. Will be collecting qualitative and quantitative data about her visit. Budget: $2500 has honorarium, travel, advertising, and emails. Several buildings on campus targeted, also emails to GPC reps. We are requesting $500.

Q: Ashley Seigel: This event has already occurred?
A: Yes, but its legit.
Q: is it a departmental thing?
A: yes, but we do try to pull in students from other areas
Q: Where else are you trying to fill in the $1000?
A: Graduate Student Network, will be co sponsoring
Q: CFrancis: Is this a graduate Student group sponsoring this?
A: Multicultural Consultation, housed in educational and counseling psychology
Q: Is this an academic center?
A: Promotes education and research on campus and in the community.

Closely affiliated with the department, but also a lot of outreach. Not just opened to department, but opened to any part of campus or community providing mental services.

Discussion: Finance committee recommendation- issues with amount of funding and the marketing. Felt that graduate students were not targeted strongly enough. Recommendation: $300, based on lack of marketing and that it was not targeted strongly enough to Grad Students. Funded previously $300.

Comment: Angela AuBuchon: Being familiar with APA, I can tell you would be invaluable for the graduate students who attended.

Disraelly: Critical when it focuses on a particular part of campus.
Motion to fund at $300. Seconded. Passed at $300

2. **Resolution 08-09-01**- Leslie Rill (10 minutes)

Resolution highlights: deals with having to pay for student fees that students have never voted for. 1. When student referendums are passed, a 3/5th majority is required for things to pass. 2. Resolution suggests that there is a financial accountability with the current voting student population implemented the next fiscal year.

Kate Hertweck: Where did the 25% come from?
Jon Mays: Research as to how this came about, which showed that typically fees were used for

2001, when higher ed budget were cut significantly and cap improvements were being shifted to the shoulders of students. MO State did something similar to this, phased in a fee for similar structures. There aren’t a lot of examples like this. MSA did pass this already.

Kate Hertweck: What happens if too much was money was collected?
Jon Mays: Money would be used to decrease the bond debt, according to Rich Anderson
Leslie: SFRC would handle this case by case. This is being proactive.
Kate: Last question in relation to the wording. “Executive officers must call a referendum” Which student body would this pertain to?
Leslie: Here, a referendum would be brought before
Kate: Who is “those voting”?
Alaine: That would be those here in this room.
Sarah: Do we have a motion to pass it as
Angela: Friendly amendment to correct language

Comment: Passage would require an approval by 2/3 by those voting.

Kate: Motion to table until November Meeting.
Seconded.

3. **At-large Representative Elections**
   Disraelly Cruz. Seconded. Accepted. Voted. Passed.

VII. Officer Reports

Alaine: Webinar- would we be interested a health insurance webinar about health insurance. Consensus is NO.
Sarah: Sign up for a committee
Liz: Spooktacular coming up. CV Docs Tomorrow.
Jen: Let me know if you need anything related to the listserve
Leslie: Travel Awards Deadline approaching
Maggie, States Issues: Tomorrow
Karen, National Issues

VIII. Liaison Reports
ABGPS: NO
GSA: NO
MUPA: No Report
MFAC: NO
SBA: NO
SCAVMA: NO

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment
Done at 7:45pm