Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
November 4, 2008

I. Call to Order- 6:00pm

II. Adoption of Minutes- no errors. Moved. Seconded. Passed.


IV. Action Items

1. **NAGPS Update** – Karen Kraus (10 minutes)- Attended conference in Minneapolis. Went over what NAGPS is-
   a. **SEVIS**: international student system. Tracks international students
   b. **Kate Hertweck**: expatriation of remains? Fees that have to be paid in the event that the person dies in country?
   c. **Karen**: not sure, but will check into it.
   d. **Consolidating loans, increasing federal loans (up to 4 years only right now), trying to get loan time line to be more in line with degree-to-completion**. NAGPS strongly opposes blanket bans on particular programs.
   e. Maternity leave for students? We don’t currently have a policy
   f. Predatory lending? More of an undergrad issue
   g. Mental health line 1877GRADHLP
   h. Idea: students had a lot of luck with peer mentoring.
   i. **Kate Hertweck**: Focus groups/support groups from across disciplines, just a thought
   j. **Maddy**: Dyslexic friend, had to pay $900 to pay a test, and already had failed/done poorly

V. Old Business

1. **Graduate Career Services Position Update** – Sampath Devaram (10 minutes)- RSVP Nov. 19th for Acting the Interview on Dec 6th. Powerpoint with seminar series
Office of research: Collaboration and Teams Science Seminar, open to all students postdocs and faculty. RSVP by Nov. 7th
Blackboard students: 134 student, 1758 hits. Sam’s monthly reports are available. Lots of transparency now on Blackboard. Gradshare: electronic community to interact with people from your dept and field of study- sign up! Like a Facebook. Offered to meet with professional students and programs

Meeting with Walker and Justice- please email us and let’s meet to go over any needs you might need.
Disraelly: Are the numbers on the survey from before?
Alaine: looking at revamping and resending the survey.
Disraelly: Needs assessment?
Alaine: Before we leave we will be looking when its better to send it out.
Disraelly: Mass email may be a better way. How many upcoming career seminars are Careers Services above and beyond PFF?
Sam: The three that have been added are new above and beyond PFF.
Alaine: If anyone has ideas, please pass those along.
Disraelly: I’ve sent lists in the passed and only one has met my requests.
Career center- 38 students so far this year. Emailing- 9 or 10 relevant questions.

2. **Resolution 0809-01** – Leslie Rill (15 minutes)- Due to lack of clarity, the resolution has been revamped. Does everyone understand that first a resolution is a written statement of the opinion of the General Assembly can agree or disagree. Passing a resolution act as a recommendation to the Board. Must be passed by a simple majority by those of those in the room.

Referendum deals with a piece of legislation being put forward to the student voting body. New resolution has had items removed dealing with the constitution. Adds a statement that a 25% fee will be assessed the semester after the referendum dealing with construction- added to the Articles of Cooperation. Questions? Concerns?
Jon Mays- MSA Senate Speaker: MSA passed a package deal- at least 25% of facility fee issued immediately after a referendum to add accountability. MSA has a low bar for what they consider to be a mandate. All they need is a simple majority to take something to the board.
Resolution 0809-01 passes.

VI. New Business

1. **Amendment 0809-02** -- Alaine Arnott (10 minutes)
Goes hand in hand with the resolution previously discussed. 6.2 and 6.3 is not consistent based on precedent. However it is up to us tonight whether we want to change that and make that more consistent. Clarification-

Discussion:
Angela AuBuchon(Psych Sci): could we discuss the sections?
Alaine: Sure- [Alaine walks through the resolution]
Angela; moves to combine both
Liz: So are you saying if you
Angela: Make them consistent so that it's both simple majority for resolutions, 2/3 for amendment. 6.2
Seconded.
Show of hands:
Yay: 21
Nay: 16
Simple majority the amendment to the amendment passes.
Alaine: The articles aren’t clear about monies that don’t deal with construction. Currently, it would be a simple majority for a referendum.
Motion. Seconded
Yay: 31
Nay: 1
Concerns?
Kate Hertweck: minor change to rearrange section 6.4 to become 6.2
Motioned. Seconded.
Yay: 23
Nay: 3
Questions: Bauer Physics: typo in title
Motion to vote on new amendment. Seconded.
Yay: 36
Nay: 0

2. **Travel Awards Presentation** - Leslie Rill (10 minutes)- total of 31 applications. 16 non ABD 15 ABD. Suggesting $9k be allocated. Due to low number of applications and anticipation of greater spring application numbers. This would leave 17K for the spring semester allocation.

Maddy: Can non-presenters still apply to travel awards?
Priority given to those presenting a talk or poster, but you are welcome to apply even if you are a non-presenter. Open to all graduate and professional students.
Motioned to accept. Seconded. Passed.

3. **Open Forum** – Alaine Arnott (10 minutes)- several meetings on the health insurance issues. Web resources being improved upon. GPLC- Scroggs very interested
GPC is growing and we need to make sure we have the representation that is appropriate, but this will require us to show up for the meetings.

Fellowship issues being paid out- met with Justice, should not be a problem any more.

GPLC representation was very low on Saturday.

Parking tickets- being taken care of.

4. **At-large Representative Elections** (5 minutes)
**Nominations:** Anna Ritzman for MMI. Seconded. Passed.

VII. **Officer Reports**
Karen: No report
Maggie: Thanks to those who voted. ASUM registered lots of people.
Leslie: No report.
Jen: Check website
Liz: CV docs and Spooktacular went well. Watch party next weekend for Iowa game at Sky Hi Bar and Grill. Dec. 4th Cocoa and Cookies- at Tiger Terrace. This Thursday Frank Warren is going to be on campus for Mizzou After Dark.
Sarah: Committee meeting minutes need to send me! Raffle for the Mizzou football tickets.
Alaine:

VIII. Liaison Reports
IX. ABGPS: no
X. GSA: no
XI. GSP: no
XII. MUPA: No
XIII. Msac
XIV. Sba
XV. SCAVMA: no report

XVI. Announcements: tickets for the game: Disraelly Cruz