Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
April 7, 2009

I. Call to Order - call to order 6:06pm

II. Adoption of Minutes - moved seconded adopted by acclimation.

III. Adoption of Agenda - moved seconded adopted by acclimation

IV. Action Items
   1. Dr. George Justice – Tuition Waivers (15 minutes)
      process in place, plan, etc
      Dean Benoit 25m tuition fee waiver. Up from 16m budget just 5 years ago.
      Understand how critical grad. Tuition fee waivers. Currently no changes planned under consideration- no worries about quarter time fee waivers. Dean Benoit has commissioned two task forces- data gathering currently underway. Need to contain budget, but maintain the core of the program. The core program benefits students closely related to their academic degree.

      Questions:
      Maria- ag econ- how long do we expect the fee waiver program to remain intact?
      Dr. Justice: It could be maintained indefinitely- if we can find a way to contain the cost. Would not expect a radical change in the near future. I think we should reduce the number of years from 8 years to 7 years of eligible. It would save a certain amount of money and reduce the number of years to completion.
      Carlos- plant sciences- the idea of fees on grants? 50% of grants
      Dr. Justice: Where it becomes difficult to attract students w/o fee waivers.
      We understand that. If a grant allows for tuition dollars to be paid for it and a PI is paying for their summer salary, there is a disconnect there. I’m speaking for myself here. The idea would be to use the fee waiver budget where necessary, but cut it out where its not absolutely necessary
      CFRancis- ABGPS- You have indicated that our policy is more generous
      Dr. Justice: It varies across the country. Some places don’t even have a budget. Some places don’t allow tuition to be part of the package. But our policy is ab
      Mike- Physics- seems like a feedback problem. As tuition goes up, it taxes the grad school more.
Justice: The tuition rates becomes a political problem. The campus is trying to give the best deal possible to students, but to also to make the claim that we are not siphoning off resources to undergraduate education. Jimmeying the figures is not the best solution. We welcome suggestions.

Angela: Part of the concern is that the meetings are closed, it is difficult to give an opinion and share.

Justice: You’ve raised an interesting point- perhaps we could set up a website for suggestions. We are open to suggestions and are happy to come back to GPC for more updates. It needs to be a student serving program.

Maria: It would be very important for

Justice: Happy to come back any time. Again, there are no changes for 09-10. The Provost absolutely understands the strength of the program.

CFrancis: You mentioned that it keeps exapanding

Justice: Departments can leverage internal funds- they get more bang for their buck. Becomes a complication when the system becomes over utilized

Angela: So back to the meetings being closed. What one question would you like feedback on?

Justice: Number decreased, but 50% asst.ship? If we did get rid of quarter time asst ships over 5 years, may end up with a marginally lower number of graduate students, but they are better supported.

2. Dr. James Cogswell – Proposed Student Library Fee (15 minutes)

3 things: what we’ve been doing, what’s coming up, what’s going to cost

Information commons: made possible by grant via Nutter Family.

Increased hours and engineering and technology commons

Journalism library expansion, computers state of the art, wireless throughout, digital resources preferred, still purchase monographs buy about 35000 books per year

More to come: adding study spaces in ellis library and branches

Funding: 3 sources: 1. Central campus appropriations- 2. Instructional Tech. Fees currently 538,000; public computers... 3. Private donors- over $8m in gifts and bequests to MU Libraries since 2002.

4. Possible revenue stream: student library fee. Proceeds from Bookmark Café currently fund extended hours

Students want safe, technologically rich study space. Plan to upgrade facilities and resources. New digital collections, electronic reserves and textooks, new web tools. These resources are extremely pricey. Would like to increase the number of hours and amount of study space, as well as digital collections and services.

Proposed student fee: $1 per credit hour

Range $1-$16 library fees

Evan: Health prof library is in shambles- where will the funds go? Tailoring library services

Dr. Cogswell: We have not had a fee that is specific to library. Would hope for a gift would be used for the this.

Naomi: Second what Evan said- Vet Library is also
Dr. Cogswell: $1m gift for Vet med library need 14m overall
CFrancis: Digital database: is there a way to make that system wide?
Dr. Cogswells: There is and we do- we save a lot of money acting as a “buying club”
Disraelly: Multiple branches of the library being tied to development dollars- questions about what are our priorities.
Dr. Cogswell: We had a shambles of a journalism library

3. **Dr. Robin Walker – Graduate Week Volunteers** (5 minutes)
   Funding is closely related to politics. One problem we have is lack of visibility. To increase visibility in the state= Graduate Education Week. April 20-25th- Press Releases, workshops, open houses. Need to increase our visibility. Adventures in Graduate Education in Jesse Hall- primarily K-6th. Graduate students to act as hosts- need 10is volunteers to greet public and act as an ambassador for Graduate Education. One to four hours.

V. Old Business
   1. **Graduate Career Services Position Update** – Sampath Devaram (5 minutes)
      Seminar series: starting the academic job search; ADA; The body project; planning your financial future
      Lots of grad career seminars
      Currently 216 Blackboard
      Prelim survey respones: 228 total responses
      Top 3 career services: CV, interviewing; networking
      High priority rankings: discipline specific job search seminars, resume; walk in hours
      Topics for seminars: how to search job postings; interviewing; resume writing
      Time: early evening M-R 57% or lunch time
      Methods: email the best way to reach
      Motivation: have more dept faculty, more discipline specific stuff

VI. New Business
   1. **Resolutions** – Alaine Arnott (15 minutes)
      a. **Resolution 0809-09- granting college credit for military personal- supports military’s education when they come back to higher education.** The Chancellor and MSA President are on board with this. Passes by acclimation
      b. **Resolution 0809-10: Academic calendar resolution.** Friday begins finals, moves reading day to Thursday- students were not consulted for this change. During that week, you could not admin. Any new material to students. We want to be incorporated in the process for changing the calendar.

      **Question:** what is the timetable for changes to the academic calendar?
      **Answer:** won’t go through with the calendar changes until students weigh in
      **Question:** motion to make a friendly Resolution aagainst the current Faculty Council’s process for setting the academic calendar
      **Seconded. Passed. Resolution now reads:** Res. Against the current....
Passed with friendly amendment


Motioned. Seconded. Passes by acclimation

2. **2009-10 GPC Budget** – Leslie Rill (10 minutes)- proposal and vote adds a line item for the Legislative Event. Added funds for Rollins, Gold Chalk, RCAF, Programming/Publicity. Travel funds will receive additional funds if enrollment is above projection. Administration: mandatory change in salaries via Student Life.
Questions: Evan: how much is being spending on Gold Chalk and Rollins
A: $2500 each event.
Q: only concern is that application is down, why so much money?
Q: important that to keep in mind that there is a “vetting” before it gets to GPC
A: give the money now, use a portion for the advertising to increase visibility of the organizations. Make a note in the increased dollars would go into bringing in greater application numbers’
Brian: motion to add in the notes section of the budget for Rollins and Gold Chalk can we go ahead and allocate the money to the organizations and during next year these allocations need to be evaluated
Seconded. Passes
Budget passes with amendment.

3. **GPC Travel Awards** – Leslie Rill (5 minutes)
26K yearly on travel awards. 10k in Fall. 16K available in spring. Based funding on 6 tiers-
tier 1: 6 people received $400
tier 2: $350 14 people
tier 3: 325 8 people
tier 4: 275 9 people
tier 5: 175 6
tier 6: 100 2

$16, 125
Passes

4. **Nominations and Elections for 2009-10 GPC Officers** – Alaine Arnott (25 minutes)
Pres.
   Angela
   Sarah
No new nom. Closed.
VP:
None on floor. Closed.
Sec:
Kristen Peters
Julia Riley
None new. Closed.
Treasurer:
Mark Sauer
None new closed
Programming:
Katie Bibens
No more. Closed.
National Issues:
No more.
State
Jeff McMullen
Closed
Close nominations...
Election portion
Secretary and President are only contested positions.

Five unaffiliated:
Trisha library
Heather elpa
Brian law
Graham hdfs
Jake redel medicine

Voting for President:
Disraelly and Leslie= spoke on
Jen Holland and Maggie= spoke on Sarah’s behalf

Mark ran unopposed. Won.

Secretary= Kristen Peters spoke.
Julia = no show; no proxy.
Speeches= Maggie Schlarman spoke Kristen’s behalf.
Speeches= Liz Roberts spoke on Julia Riley’s behalf.
Kristen Peters Won.

Programming= Katie
National – no one ran.
State- Jeff.

VII. Officer Reports
Pres: Board of Curators, no fees passed. Interviews for Student Curator selected. Webmaster position open; paid position part time.
VP: Thanks to the Rollins and Gold Chalk. April 17th Tap Day.
Sec: list serve and website
Treas: Travel award winners will be announce
Programing: events coming up- picnic coming up and baseball/softball game. Free family friendly event. May 8th end of the year celebration and live entertainment.
State: ASUM link survey to get out information about issues. Takes 5min.
National: none

VIII. Liaison Reports
ABGPS:
GSP: Body Project next week; GSA officer elections next mtg
MUCFR: none
SBA: Sandra Day O'Connor visited. 5K Tim Hines April 19th
MSAC:
SCAVMA: none

IX.    Announcements

X.    Adjournment- 8:21pm