Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
October 6, 2009

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of Minutes
   a. Adopted by acclamation

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IV. Action Items

   1. Presentation from Dana Briscoe (Health Insurance) (15 minutes)
      a. Take care of all students with the Aetna student insurance. Works a lot like employers plan, 100 deductible, students responsible for 80%. Always start at SHC. 1500 drug benefit. 20 for the name brand, 10 for generic. Will call Aetna if they don’t know the answer.
      b. Very important to get a referral from SHC. Exception is if closed or if more than 50 miles from the SHC. Watch EOB to make sure that the higher deductible gets taken care of.
      c. Sarah (English) question about the referral process, hard time to get referrals. Can’t get referral to dermatologist.
         i. Response: SHC is very busy, trying to outsource some to other doctors, only one derm that takes Aetna.
      d. Mike (Physics): There is a doctor that refuses to take the insurance?
         i. Not refusing, just the practice is full.
      e. How many doctors do not choose to take the insurance program?
         i. He’s the only one I know of. There are providers in Columbia that are not preferred providers of this plan. Almost all University doctors and many Boone doctors also. The Aetna SH insurance is under the Aetna umbrella, but this one is a student health plan.
      f. Anthony Pavlicec (Philosophy): Dental plan is optional and not very good.
         i. $700 maximum benefit policy. Very limiting for dental work. Something major would not be very useful. For cleanings, checks, etc. They try to offer insurance that will fit the
student’s need. The product can not be so expensive that you can’t afford it. IF you want more coverage on dental, email her and don’t be surprised if the premium goes up. Premium is $404 annually.

g. Jake (Med School) If purchase insurance into the year is it prorated?
   i. Purchase in August annually or purchase in August for Fall and in January for Spring. If involuntary loss of coverage, can call Aetna, then it can be prorated and you pay Aetna directly.

h. Jenny (Ag Econ): Deadline for Spring Summer coverage?
   i. Feb 12.

i. Cindy (LTC): There is insurance available for spouses? Would it be possible for less coverage for less cost for spouses?
   i. Don’t know answer. Email.

j. Michael (P and A) Statistics on emergency and risk pool for students as compared to other companies risk pools, so as to justify the cost?
   i. Defer to Crystal for information. Not in scope of knowledge.

k. Satisfaction survey?
   i. Yes, will be sent out in spring. Satisfaction rate was good two years ago. Will ask again this year.

V. New Business

1. **Amendments to the Constitution — Sarah Symonds** (10 minutes)
   a. **Amendment 0910-01: At-Large membership**
      i. For the past few years, election of at large takes place at the end of the second meeting. This means that they cannot vote until they have sat through two full meetings.
      ii. Matt (P and A): Any problem with knowing person that is being nominated?
      iii. David H (Physics): This helps that problem
      iv. Sarah Symonds: All candidates would be able to give a 1 min speech.
      v. Proposed deleting of 3.1.3 language on post doctoral and post bacc., know experience with this, but no one has ever come forward to do this. Never filled any seats in 2007, 2008, 2009 for these positions.
      vi. Motion- David Heise, 2nd Nathan

   b. **Amendment 0910-02: Election language**
      How elections have been run the past couple of years. In 2006, nominations took place in april and then held elections in May. Now, we do elections in April for a transition period between April and May for new board. The Borda count was not consistent with bilaws.
      Milbra Burch (Theater): Take out extra more.
      Mike G. Motion to vote. 2nd. All passed by acclamation.

2. **General Funding Request** — Journalism Grad. Students Association (7 minutes) Katie Wood
   Students v. Professors trivia night. $350 budget.
Michael Physics: Are the prof only journalism professors? So this event is only going to be for the journalism school?
Zach (Geography): How else are you funding this? We do have our own budget, so whatever GPC doesn’t come up with, then we have to fund ourselves. Have asked for funds from ORG, only $15 for copies.
Marcus- Financial committee thought we should give them the full amt if they opened it up to the rest of grad students.
Mike (Physics)- Is it normal to give money for prizes? Money to give the professors?
No presentation on opening up the event? Did you project a budget with an ability to open up the night.
Matt (MBAA)- Have to look at how marketed. Geared toward the JGSA.
GSA VP – We were strict about this matter, must not be focused only on that dept. Give money to big events.
Lauren- J school doesn’t have the money to do this.
Milber Burch- What is their budget in the organization? Concerned that the budget presented will not feed the whole grad school if this event is opened up. What are their other oppurtunities?
GSA VP- $100 budget for dept event.
Sarah Symonds- Present a new budget to encompass opening up to all graduate students?
Michael G. Can we give them an amended budget of our own to show how to spend funds?
HMI- A lot of dept will have trivia nights like this and all get money? Could publicize for free..
Cindy LTC- last spring we had a conversation with people asking for fees. Discrepancy of funds available in different depts..
Jay- Med school- Suggest to them that they come up with some additional means for additional support. Bake sale, etc.
David (comm.) During the presentation, this is contingent on getting funding. Necessary to present what they did for fund raising.
Graham (HDFS)- How does this event go with the functions of GPC. Michael- Make a motion to reject proposal as is and request that they amend their budget for representation next meeting? Motioned, second.

3. **Open Forum — Sarah Symonds** (10 minutes)
Tell me your problems-
- Are working with GSA on information about health insurance because policy expires in April.
- Michael (Physics) Statistics on our risk pool vs. other risk pools. Lower deductibles on us and raise our coverage.
- Sarah- We are considered low risk because we are young. WE are paying more than other universities.
- David H (computer engineering) What does union entail?
- Sarah S. We can not unionize.. GPC is our answer to unions.
Met with Dr. Justice in the last month, requests that you are enrolled continuously when ABD. Do you want the registrars office to enroll you continuously or would you rather do it?
Cindy LTC- Problems with the registrar's office enrolling them. Insurance and financial aid. Didn’t happen correctly.
Financial aid should not be affected because 2 hr is full time.
Sarah Wolfe (F and W)- No one in our dept cares.

Closing of Reactor Field- They would like to make south quad between business and law school open to tail gating by students. No cars allowed.
Helen (English) Building next to it, that would be horrible.
Anthony (phil) We are in Strickland and that is right next to it..
Lauren- purely for asthetics
Jeff M- Looks horrible after tailgating
Zach (Geog) Alumni center will complain about the noise, consult them.
Could always cover the surface..
Jake Med School- Why are these more favorable than reactor field?
Sarah- Have to cross four lanes of providence and people sneaking in.
Lauren- IS it true that reactor has been sold for media parking
Jade (Ag Econ) If they are closing reactor field for concerns for underage drinking, then how will this help?
Sarah- The undergrads are more concerned about this than the grad students.
Nathan (library science) Why can’t they tailgate in the parking lot around the stadium?
Those are for the donors.
Milbur- Young people imbibing beer on a beautiful part of campus would be horrible.
Rachel – opposed to south quad.Was Hinkson completely rejected?
Kristoferson (CompSci)- Have to resod and reseed at Hinkson.
Cindy LTC- Why don’t they close off Rollins instead
Isaac- Stankowski sounds good
Michael- close open forum.

4. Elections — Sarah Symonds (15 minutes)
   a. Programming and Publicity
      Kayla Crider (Pol sci ) nominating Jacob Holt.
      Close nominations and accept by acclimation.

   b. At-Large Members
      Matt Mower
      Matt MBAA- nominate Dozer Chukwu
      Ian Keesey (PIMS) Nominate Megan Zeller

      Less nominated than slots open, motion to accept as is> Motion, 2nd
VI. Officer Reports
Emily- Student aid and fiscal responsibility act, currently a bill in the house. Increase pell grant funds and take all student loans from private sources and make them govtal.

Jeff – ASUM had a successful healthcare forum and packed Alllen Auditorium, state leg snoozing.

Marcus- We have given one official funding request. October 16th travel applications due. Please apply for the rewards. WE will spend about $17K this semester for awards.

Lauren- Thanks for coming to Déjà vu event. Keep up with committee.

Sarah – joint meeting next wed night in Stotler lounge at 6pm. There is an RSVP link. GRA available in nursing starting in 2010 if interested in women’s issues and know Spanish. Send Sarah and email. CV Docs, need volunteers 2-3 and 4-5. 14 faculty/staff and 46 students. Pilates for Pink this Sunday, buy a teacher, all funds go to Ellis Cancer Center

ABGPS- Game night that was success. Fund raiser at Nephews, did make a good profit. Signed up venture out. Speakers came in.

GSA- Having meeting next Tuesday, one of the reps went to a meeting to decide about the grading system, since no + or – on our grades.

GSP- Grad student parents- Nothing to report, more opportuntunities for Grad student parents.

MUPDA

MUCFR- Rachel, planning our event

MSAC

SBA

SCAVMA- Nothing to report.

VII. Announcements
None.

VIII. Adjournment
 Moved. 2nd. Acclaime.