I. Call to Order
Vice President, Graham McCaulley calls the December 7, 2010 meeting of the GPC General Assembly to order. As a friendly reminder, please remember to state your name and department when you speak.

II. Adoption of Minutes
Motion to adopt minutes (Matt Mower, Physics and Astronomy)/ Second (Milbre Burch, Theatre):
Minutes adopted

III. Adoption of Agenda
Motion to adopt agenda (Jacob Wright, Philosophy)/ Second (Nathan Applegren, Chemistry):
Agenda adopted

IV. Action Items

1. Andrew Grabau, Director of Development for Graduate Education (25 minutes)

Tonight I’m going to talk without a PowerPoint. I hope no one minds. I work in Jesse Hall. Most of my work is with Dr. Justice in the Graduate School. I also spend a lot of time in the Truman School of Public Affairs. I’m here to explain the background behind what I do, but I’ll try not to bore you with details of development and fund raising stuff.

Development of graduate education at the University of Missouri focuses on three areas: broad based fellowship support, national and international professional travel, and professionalizing programs like writing saturdays, dissertation workshops, speakers, etc. Those are our three main areas.

About three years ago the University decided to take a new role in trying to raise money for graduate education and general education. You’ve probably met the development officer in your college. The university has kept that structure in place, but has also developed a centralized team. The centralized structure gives us a way to speak to possible donors about any program or any area of interest, including areas that aren’t exclusively academic. It allows us to work with a donor who has a specific and broader vision for the University. Graduate education was the only place in the University where
they didn’t have a specific vision for raising money, so we restructured three years ago and have integrated our vision with Mizzou Advantage’s development goals.

Mizzou Advantage began as the desire for a new development perspective coming out of Provost Foster’s office. The idea was to create a vision by taking those areas that the University really excels in and turning those into broad initiatives so that people who don’t know much about the University can see what our strengths are in a very basic way and can think of ways to help in broader ways. This helps us in development because it is hard to explain to someone who wants to donate what the physics department does, but they do understand the value of sustainable development. Mizzou Advantage helps me have accelerated conversations with prospective donors and helps me advocate for graduate support on a campus-wide level.

The University is in the process now of setting up a second capital campaign. Our emphasis will be on student support. We can secure major student support with this new capital campaign. The goal is to have roughly an 8-year campaign. The vision behind the campaign is currently being defined by the graduate school. Please share your thoughts about what we should be focusing on in this next capital campaign. Give me a call, stop by my office, or send me an email.

I want to improve the relationship between the development office and graduate students. In my job I get to hear a lot from friends and alum of the university, but it’s even better when I can introduce them to student groups and we can really match people who want to give with people who have genuine projects they need help with.

Any research, publications, or presentations that you think anyone outside the university should see, please let us know. We can help make introductions and facilitate getting your research out into the world. We can also facilitate bringing people back to the university, especially bringing alumni back. If you're going to a conference, we could also help you to meet with people there. The more dialogue that you have brings about excitement and excitement brings about great ideas and people are always interested in great ideas.

If GPC as a legislative body is interested in service projects or other projects, we can work together to help find you funding, or I can just help you think of ways to expand. Alumni could, for instance, serve as judges for RCAF. In April, we celebrate graduate education week and there are a lot of opportunities for students and alumni to interact.

Q1, CFrancis Blackchild (ABGPS): Development for graduate education has these three prongs. Can you tell me how the university now supports travel for grad students?
A, Grabau: GPC provides some, the grad school offers specific domestic travel funds and you can apply quarterly, on the international side, we have a donor who started the John Byes international travel fund, which does what the domestic fund does but on an international scale. It’s an annual program.
Q2, CFrancis (ABGPS): How do the Humanities work within Mizzou Advantage?
A, Grabau: This would be an interesting thing to bring up with the faculty facilitators.
Q3, Deepika Menon (Learning, Teaching & Curriculum): Do you also have provision for graduate students applying for small research grants?
A, Grabua: [unrecorded]
V. Old Business
   N/A

VI. New Business

1. General Funding Request - Alternative Career Exploration in the Sciences (5 min.)

   Purpose of Workshop
   - Network Know How Workshop
     - Stephanie Chipman (Dec 2 at 5 pm in 572 LSC)
   - Inactive workshop for ACES
     - Workshop to prepare for Spring networking event
     - Improve professional and social
     - “Elevator Talk”
     - Make business cards and learn to use cards
     - Learn appropriate manner to handle eating, talking, and networking

   Jennifer Stetler & Angela Whatley
   December 7, 2010

   Workshop was advertised by e-mail and flyers
   Budget
   - Food: $181.79 (Hy-Vee and Sam’s Club)
   - Drinks: $8.73
   - Business Cards: $13.53 x 30 = $405.90
   - Total: $596.35

Q1, David Heise (Computer Engineering): What other sources of funding?
A: We request funding from different departments and the graduate school at the beginning of the year, but we have one event every month

Q2, Jacob Wright (Philosophy): You mentioned that one of the places that you advertised, but I only heard about this through one email that I got the day before.
A: We try to contact people through as many avenues as possible.

Q3, CFrancis Blackchild (ABGPS): I’m curious about the cost of the business cards. It seems expensive?
A: We went local so that we could have the official MU logo. It would have been cheaper to order them online, but we couldn’t have had the official MU logo on them.

Q4, Deepika Menon (Learning, Teaching & Curriculum): I’m curious about the number. How did you arrive at the number of 30 Students?
A: We said we would do cards for the first 30 people and about 30 people showed up, so it worked out.

Council Discussion following presentation:
Finance Committee Recommendation: $102.97
Matt Mower (Physics and Astronomy): At first, this was the amount that the Finance Committee decided upon, but now that I’ve heard them explain it here, I think we should fund them for the full amount of their request.
Jacob Wright (Philosophy): I think it should remain this amount because I don’t see how 30 students having business cards helps the graduate student body as a whole.
Nathan Applegren (Chemistry): As far as the expenses, you can see that the cost of business cards for a whole group is huge.
Kristofferson Culmer (GPC President): How many people per event, on average?
Nathan Applegren (Chemistry): 30-40.
David Heise (Computer Engineering): Were the business cards a promo to get people to come or did you decide to offer it as a service as part of the event?
Nathan Applegren (Chemistry): I don’t know. I wasn’t in charge of planning the event.
David Heise (Computer Engineering): The value of business cards for grad students shouldn’t be underestimated, and it’s something that we do need to learn how to do; whether or not we need to purchase them for students or we just teach them how to do it, I don’t know.
Jacob Wright (Philosophy): I move that we accept the recommendation of the finance committee
Matt Mower (Physics and Astronomy): I move to amend: to adjust the amount to the total requested $250.
Jacob Wright (Philosophy): If we’re going to amend it, that’s fine. In their paperwork, they requested $222.27.
Brittany Perrin (Public Affairs): Second
Everybody voted Yea. Jake Wright voted Nah

2. General Funding Request - Historical and Theatrical Trial Society (HATTS) (5 min.)

HATTS
Historical and Theatrical Trial Society

Purpose
- HATTS promotes thinking and reflection on the process of law by holding trials that never were
Q1, David Heise (Computer Engineering): Is Doctor Frankenstein on trial every year? How reusable will costumes be?

A: For the past four years, every trial has been set in the 1800s, so we figured we should try to make something reusable.

Q2, Kristofferson Culmer (GPC President): How many people are usually in attendance?

A: Last year it was about 500.

Q3, Milbre Burch (Theatre): I had never heard of your organization during my four years on campus, so I just want to reach out and say we would love to help out.

Q4, Carrie Schmitt (Biological Engineering): Do you know what percentage of those people were outside of the Law School? I also have never heard of it, and I did my undergrad here and have friends in the Law School.
A: I don’t know what the percentage is, but we do invite local school groups.

Council Discussion following presentation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:
We recommend funding HATTs for the entire amount of $600. They have alternative sources of funding, but they still need money to cover other expenses.
Milbre Burch (Theatre): In the past, we have said “no costumes” to groups like India Night.
Deepika Menon (Learning, Teaching & Curriculum): Yes, India Night never gets costumes paid for.
Brittany Perrin (Public Affairs): Motion to fund for the full amount of $600.
Everybody voted Yea. Carrie Schmitt voted Nah.

3. General Funding Request - Educational Leadership Graduate Student Association (5 min.)

ELGSA

- Started in 2008
- ELGSA is an association of graduate students in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis with the mission of advancing the professional practice of graduate students in the field.


- The Qualitative Dissertation: A User’s Guide
- Educational Leadership Graduate Student Association

- When: November 12th @ 3:00pm
- Where: Jesse Wrench Auditorium
- Who: Dr. Jeff Brooks
  - ELPA - Associate Professor
  - International Journal of Educational Leadership - Editor
- Attendance: 50–60 Graduate students and faculty
- Reception held immediately afterwards
Q1, Jacob Holt (Political Science): how many people attended from outside your department?
A: Less than 10 from my department. We had people from Theatre, Sociology, Human Development, and more.

Q2, Milbre Burch (Theatre): When did you submit this information to the finance committee? Don’t we normally not fund stuff after the fact?
A: We turned in our request before the last meeting, but we couldn’t get on the agenda.

Council Discussion following presentation:
Finance Committee Recommendation:
The recommendation from finance committee was that we fund the full amount, which was $300, but the actual cost is only $137.00

Milbre Burch (Theatre): Motion to fund the amount of $137.00.
Jacob Wright (Philosophy): Second
Granted

4. At-Large Nominations and Election – Kristofferson Culmer (10 min.)
   N/A

VII. Officer Reports

Luke Russell (State Issues Coordinator): The biggest news is election results. A lot of incumbents got thrown out. There are a lot of new faces in the state legislation; one piece of wisdom: what won’t work is saying “as graduate students we need x, y, and z.” There are going to be a lot of cuts and graduate students will be part of that; however, we can work to be problem solvers and to help people be better problem solvers; forming committees and seeing how we can use our resources better than we currently are so that we can serve our goals and the university’s goals.

KJ McNamara (National Issues Coordinator): Could not attend the conference with Luke and Kristofferson. I will be part of the Legislative Concerns Committee and they regularly correspond with lobbyists in DC. International Student Rights and health care are the two big topics right now, but I’m sure there will be more. I’ll also be working with Luke to develop maternity leave policy.
Jacob Holt (Programming and Publicity): Just wrapping up the semester. The great news is that we have set a record this semester with the highest attendance at events ever in GPC history.

Kristofferson Culmer (President): Today I attended SPRAC? Discussing University’s strategic plan. How will we move forward and make Mizzou better even in these economic times. Request from Department of Higher Education; review low-producing academic programs. The University had to send justification to MO higher ed department to keep 75 programs. This is a very political process. They say that this is for economic reasons, but really no money can be gained this way. The governor is trying to have a conversation with new/freshman congressman to convince them that we’ve been trying to make things better and justify our actions. This will continue to be incredibly political. Nobody knows what our state appropriations are going to be. Estimates are 10-20% cuts. GPC will always champion the cause of graduate and professional students, but we also want to see how we can work with other groups to make the University as a whole better.

Strategic Plan of the University: One of the areas is to recruit the best faculty and ensure that our compensation for faculty and staff is on par with our AAU colleagues. I reminded them that we are part of that group, and we will be listed in the University’s strategic plan. Provost Foster said regardless of what happens with the Department of Higher Education, no student in any department will be abandoned. The University will continue to support them.

David Heise (Computer Engineering): Has there been any though given to talking to the analogue of GPC at other universities?
CFrancis Blackchild (ABGPS): A conversation about the exorbitant cost of fee waivers?
Kristofferson Culmer (GPC President): How does the university view a tuition waiver?

ABGPS (CFrancis Blackchild): We instituted a mentor program and a speaker program; we have been wonderful, amazing, and spectacular, and we’re thinking of having a conference next semester.

VIII. Announcements
IX. Adjournment
Giving away Basketball tickets!