Graduate Professional Council Agenda
General Assembly Meeting
March 1st, 2011

I. Call to Order
Vice President, Graham McCaulley calls the March 1, 2011 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 (?): Minutes adopted

III. Adoption of Agenda
Motion to add Computer Science Graduate Student Council funding request to New Business (Chavon Robinson, Human Development and Family Studies)
Motion to adopt agenda with amendment (?)/ Second (Milbre Burch, Theatre): Agenda adopted

IV. Action Items

1. Maggie S. Schlarman, Rollins Society (10 minutes)
Matt Mower (Physics & Astronomy): What kind of diversity in terms of fields of study are there in terms of who is the society?
Maggie: My class and last year’s class, there was a wide range from Medical Students to science, communications. Seems to be very diverse.
Brittany Perrin (Public Policy): Do you except a number of every year. How many do you tap?
Maggie: We accept an unlimited number of applicants, but we tap eight or nine every year
?: Do they have to have another year of study or can they be graduating in May?
Maggie: You can be graduating in May. New class will be inducted on Tap Day.
Cfrancis blackchild (ABGPS): Your tapped and then?
Maggie: Different societies do different things throughout the year, but for Rollins, it’s not the most active honor society. People are trying to escalate events and reunions.
Cfrancis blackchild (ABGPS): What makes you a secret society?
Maggie: Good question. It’s really just a tradition.
Philip Mohebian (Forestry): For letters of recommendation, who’s good to get those from?
Maggie: People who know you; your nominator needs to write a letter; your graduate advisor would be good; if you work for an organization, have someone from that write you a letter.

Jake Redel (Medical School): Do you apply and then ask someone to nominate you?
Maggie: If you really want to do it, have someone nominate you or you may be nominated anonymously.

Jacob Wright (Philosophy): What’s the typical size of the applicant pool?
Maggie: Last year, we had a record number…60? I’m guessing.

2. Karen Gruen, Coordinator for Graduate Medical Insurance Subsidy Program (20 minutes)

I work in the Graduate School and deal with tuition and insurance. I have some information to be passed out. Every year we have a meeting where we meet with different people across campus and try to involve grad student orgs. We talk about insurance for graduate and professional students.

We’re having a new meeting and an invitation will go out to you to attend this meeting. What I’m handing out is information about the meeting that happened in February. We have a liaison company that finds companies that want to insure students at MU. They put together a lot of information, look at insurance trends in the United States, where costs are going, and then they come and tell us what they think the cost is going to be in the upcoming year. Then we bid, and they take care of this process. They did not go out to bid this year, but the information on this sheet talks about options.

Benefits as they stand right now: compare to options page, which will show you how the insurance will be affected in benefits and costs. When they looked at trends, they were seeing an 8-9% increase in costs. Aetna came back with around a 6% increase in cost, which is good because it’s less than our liaison expected. We want to have one or two reps from each org attend the next meeting so that you guys can have your input in terms of how you want your insurance to go. The health care reform will not affect student insurance next year, but will affect it the next year. They were estimating a 17-18% cost increase based on new health care law impositions.

Jacob Wright (Philosophy): I have a question about spousal insurance. It’s a vicious circle, we do not have very many people enroll, which makes the cost more expensive, etc. My insurance costs a little more than $2000 and my wife’s $8000. What’s being done to minimize the expense?
Karen: We have to look at the student population as a whole.

Deepika Menon (Learning, Teaching, and Curriculum): Time delay which it takes…who decides how much time it takes to get back money from when we visit student health center to get that money back in our account. It usually takes two or more months and then I get a bunch of late fees. Why so much delay?

Cfrancis Blackchild (ABGPS): I understand that there’s no way of speeding up the process, but when fees are accrued for things that are outside of your control what can you do about them?
Karen: It’s certainly a problem, but that’s what you contact the cashier’s office.

Jamie LeBrun (Fisheries and Wildlife): They said somebody died at the insurance company so that never got passed on and then I was told that you have to say it to them because they didn’t even know the fees had been charged.
Karen: Email me and let me know about those fees, and I will talk to the cashier’s office.
Mary Shannon Williams (Information Science & Learning Technology): What is the hard waiver? Karen: What that means is that you have to show proof of other insurance if it goes to a mandatory program. Milbre Burch (Theatre): What about putting grad/prof students in faculty pool? Karen: I started here in 1998 and prior to that students had talked to the current dean about that possibility. At that time the insurance company was not willing. I know that Dr. Justice is looking into it again.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

1. General Funding Request: Trulaske Consulting Association (5 min.)

   - Founded and Recognized by ORG Spring 2010
   - Fully supported by Trulaske College of Business
     - Business Career Services, Crosby MBA Program
   - 75 Active Members

   Why?

   - 22% MBA Consulting Placement
   - Fastest Growing Industry
   - As large as the Sports Industry
Nick Rada (Electrical Engineering): What’s the nature of the problem?
A: In this competition, this is specifically focused toward the college of business. So it could be a marketing or administration problem. What’s interesting about cases is that they leave a lot of the decision making and analysis up to you and then you present that thinking to the judges.

Mary Mann (Communication Science and Disorders): Are any of you all associated with GPC and have you ever come to us before for funding?
A: No

Cfrancis Blackchild (ABGPS): Do you mean they haven’t advertised widely or they haven’t advertised to business students.
I mean that they haven’t advertised  
**Chris Conan (Business):** I didn’t know about this until I got the email from finance people. This only reaches about 24 students.

**Finance Committee Recommendation (delivered by Treasurer Matt Kotovsky):**
Two were very vocal and said fund the whole thing and one person was very vocal and said don’t fund any of it.

**Discussion:**
**Maria Bartlett (Art History):** This seems very limited in scope and it seems like we should be funding bigger things.

**Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President:** Quick history: we introduced a second tier to our general funding requests for smaller groups.

**Milbre Burch (Theatre):** As a member of the finance committee, part of the confusion was that they originally wanted to be considered for the larger fund.

**Jake Wright (Philosophy):** They originally requested under the general fund and then revised it. I don’t think that’s really the issue here. The real problem is that they’re requesting money for an event that they haven’t advertised.

**Scott (MBA):** It has been advertised. I have known about it for months.

**Karina Collins (Biochemistry):** Is there any way to extend a stipulation, if we give you this money you have to extend some sort of advertising for the event.

**Jake Wright (Philosophy):** Motion to fund for the full amount; **Brittany Perrin (Public Policy):** Second

**Cfrancis Blackchild (ABGPS):** I suggest we go with Karina’s suggestion about the advertising stipulation.

**Mary Shannon Williams (Information Science & Learning Technology):** Motion to amend to include advertising stipulation.

All in favor of funding the full $250 for the TSA

Counting votes: 18 for; 14 opposed

Motion carries

2. **General Funding Request: Computer Science Graduate Student Council (5 min)**
**CS GSC**
- The CSGSC is primarily concerned with promoting the general welfare and concerns for the computer science graduate student body.
- We help create opportunities for graduate students at Mizzou.
- CSGSC also sponsors many social, cultural, and fun events throughout the entire year.

**Poster Competition**
- Open to all graduate students.
- Participant must have ongoing research project at MU.
- Research must be related to Computer Science.
- CS GSC body will act as jury.
- Top 3 places will be awarded with prizes.
  - CS dept. will provide funds for awards.

**Funds requested**
- We would like to provide free pizza and beverages.
- Expected number of participants (including judges, participants and audience) is about 50.

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Total: $77.48 + $20.72 = $98.20

**Advertising**
- Email (free of charge).
  - Event is supported by CS dept.
  - College of Engineering will send out email to all graduate students on the mail list.
  - Saves money for not paying to MU Info mass email.
- Flyers
  - 60 flyers = $0.5 (each) * 60 = $30.
  - Will be hanged across campus, major building and bulletin boards.

**Past Events**
- Poster competition promotes hardworking students.
- New graduate students meet professors.
- Learn about ongoing projects at MU.
- Students can directly talk to professors about research interests.

**Past Events (cont.)**

**Thank You**
Questions?
Danielle Oprean: Do you have a website or something?
A: I don’t have it on the slide. It is http://engineering.missouri.edu/cs/degree-programs/phd-cs/#

Finance Committee Recommendation (delivered by Treasurer Matt Kotovsky):
We unanimously gave a thumbs up to the full $228.20 requested.

Discussion:
Kristofferson Culmer (GPC President): Usually 10 to 15 posters.
John Shetley (Soil and Environmental Sciences): What are the prizes? What’s the date?
?: I think it’s usually cash prizes. It’s March 12.
Brittany Perrin (Public Policy): I move that we approve. John Shetley (Soil and Environmental Sciences): Second.
Motion approved.

3. 2011-2012 Officer Nominations – Kristofferson Culmer (10 min.)

Elections are next meeting. You can be nominated tonight or at the next meeting, but to be nominated you have to be here.

President: Matt Kotovsky nominates Kristofferson Culmer. Kristofferson accepts.
VP: KJ McNamara nominates Brittany Perrin from Truman School of Public Affairs. Brittany accepts.
Treasurer: Scott Thelen nominates himself and accepts.
Programming and Publicity: Paul Daniels nominates Jacob Holt. Jacob accepts.
Secretary: Jake Wright nominates himself and accepts.
State Issues: Someone from Business nominates Chris Conant. He accepts.

VII. Officer Reports
National Issues Coordinator Luke Russell: Senate passed a bill. They want to have a vote to amend the state constitution to make people show a valid picture ID proving state citizenship.
John Shetley (Soil and Environmental Science): Is there such a terrible problem with voter fraud that it’s a necessity?

Programming and Publicity, Jacob Holt: We have RCAF on Saturday. We have 0 volunteers.

Vice President Graham McCaulley: Gold Chalk Awards are due March 18, 2011. Also, there’s an effort going on to get a Memorial for James T. Scott. Look for more information about this in upcoming emails.

President Kristofferson Culmer: GSA champions the academic cause of graduate students on campus. Our relationship with GSA has grown stronger as GSAs membership has dwindled. We would like to suggest a merger. GPC would absorb GSA into its general operating structure. Departments would no longer need to have two reps because one would stand in for both.

Cfrancis Blackchild (ABGPS): Personally, it doesn’t sound like a good idea to me. I have one very specific reason. When we’re thinking about funding, we have to think about how can we make sure that when we put things in place that is fair and equally accessible to graduate and professional students who have different needs, different research needs, different conference needs, etc. That’s a
lot of effort and there’s something good about having an organization where you just have to think about graduate students and not also professional students. There’s an imaginary world where everyone has one place who takes care of all of their needs and as graduate students we’re kind of diffuse and we don’t have that singular thing.

Kristofferson: We have thought about this. GSA would still be GSA, but it would be a caucus within GPC. The Graduate School currently funds GSA and would continue to do so.

Mary Mann (Communication Science and Disorders): I’m very new, but I’m a rep for both GSA and GPC. I do feel like there’s a duplication of effort between them.

Brittany Perrin (Public Policy): Would this mean meshing to the point where we have one executive board?

Milbre Burch (Theatre): Would the multiple pots for travel funding continue or would it all be shoved together?

John Shetley (Soil and Environmental Science): In terms of individual representation of departments, I think its good that we have two reps attending two different meetings.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment