Call to Order

Vice President, Graham McCaulley calls the April 5, 2011 meeting of the GPC General Assembly to order. As a friendly reminder, please remember to state your name and department when you speak.

Adoption of Minutes

Motion to adopt minutes (Matt Mower, Physics and Astronomy)/ Second (Jacob Wright, Philosophy):
Minutes adopted

Adoption of Agenda

Motion to amend agenda to switch action items so that Bryan Goers from the Student Fees Review Committee goes first.

Motion to adopt agenda with amendment (Matt Mower)/ Second (Jacob Wright):
Agenda adopted

Action Items

1. **Sarah Symonds, Griffiths Leadership Society (5 minutes)**
   
   Student Vice Chair of Griffith’s Leadership Society. Women should apply to this society, which matches students with mentors based on area of study or your future occupational plans. We would like to start allowing graduate and professional students to be mentors not mentees. We would like to give people the choice. The application is very easy: one page with four short answer questions. Application is due April 13 by 5pm; find through Alumni Center website or you can email me at sesrm8@mail.missouri.edu. We get to meet great alumni from MU who open doors for other opportunities.

Old Business

New Business
1. **General Funding Request– Graduate Theatre Organization (5 min.)**

The Graduate Theatre Organization of the Department of Theatre

Funding request to the GPC for a reception in honor of distinguished visiting scholar Dr. E. Patrick Johnson

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**Dr. E. Patrick Johnson is:**

- Chair of the Department of Performance Studies in the School of Communications at Northwestern University
- Professor of African American Studies, and a renowned Queer Studies scholar.
- Author of *Appropriating Blackness: Performance and the Politics of Authenticity*.
- Author of *Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South*.
- Editor (with Mae G. Henderson) of *Black Queer Studies: A Critical Anthology*.

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**Dr. Johnson will visit MU on April 25 and April 26 as part of a two-day residency**

- On Monday, April 25, at 7:30 pm he will perform an engaging version of *Firming Too Black Guy Men of the South Tell Their Tales in the* Wright/Seager Theatre of the Fine Arts Building, at MU. The performance which is free and open to the public will be followed by a talkback session.
- On Tuesday, April 26, during the day he will visit two classes for Q and A about the show and his research. The classes are Performance and Social Justice in the Theatre Department and Queer Theory in the Sociology Department.
- On Tuesday evening, at 7:30 pm in the Ellis Library Auditorium, he will deliver a keynote lecture for Campus Pride Month. The lecture, entitled "In Search of Countless Queer Queens and the Making of Southern Ethnicity," is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception in Dr. Johnson’s honor held in the foyer of the Ellis Auditorium.

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**Dr. Johnson’s visit is co-sponsored by:**

- The Department of Theatre
- The Department of Sociology
- The Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
- ORG
- The Chancellor’s Diversity Initiative
- The LGBTQ Resource Center
- The Center for Arts and Humanities
- And – we hope - GPC

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**Reception costs for 100 people as cited by MU catering**

- Assorted Hamburger Skewers: $391.19
- Fresh assorted fruit display: $377.00
- Ice tea: $73.40
- 2 gallons (6.1 g) per gallon: $75.00
- Beer: $117.00
- 1 gallon (3.8 liters) per gallon: $14.12

- **Total:** $981.22
Council Discussion following presentation:

Recommendation from Finance Committee (Matt Kotovsky, Treasurer): Very well put together funding request. We unanimously decided to fund them for the full amount of $236.42.

Jake Wright (Philosophy): I move to fund the full amount.


Funding for the full amount of $236.42 approved.

2. **2011-12 GPC Budget – Matt Kotovsky (5 minutes)**

We have an actual, an approved, a revised, and a proposed budget.

[BUDGET ATTACHED]

Matt Mower (Physics & Astronomy): Did RCAF use their full budget?

Jacob Holt (Programming & Publicity): We came in a couple hundred dollars under budget, but next year we’re going to add a category having to do with engineering and computer science, so we will need that increase from 10K to 12K.

General frustration among assembly members who would like more time to review the budget before we vote on it.
David Heisse (Computer Engineering): I move that we table the budget until the May meeting.
John Shetley (Soil, Environmental, and Atmospheric Sciences): Second.
Budget vote tabled for May meeting.

3. GPC Travel Awards – Matt Kotovsky (5 minutes)
Jake Wright (Philosophy): I thought it was a very fair system, actually more so than we did in the fall.
Milbre Burch (Theatre): I also think it’s smart to look at the letter of intent and recommendation letter because the finance committee is, at any given time, going to consist a diverse group of students who don’t share the same standards for professional documents like CVs.
Mohammad Sherafati (Physics & Astronomy): How important was the CV? Was there someone rejected because of their CV? If you are not judging by the CV, why ask for it?
Cfrancis Blackchild (Theatre): Is the new process written somewhere to read?

4. Nominations and Elections for 2011-12 GPC Officers – Kristofferson Culmer (40 minutes)

Each candidate will speak and may have two backers to speak on his or her behalf during the discussion. [For the sake of space and organization, I’ve included the speeches by those elected to office and both speeches for candidates for State Issue Coordinator, which we will be voting on at the May meeting. If you would like more details from elections, please contact me and I will be happy to provide you with the full transcript. SZ/Secretary]

Candidates for President: Jonathon Pryor and Kristofferson Culmer
Kristofferson Culmer:
Most people don’t want this job after one year, but I love what I do. I love helping my fellow grad students. I love working to make life better wherever I am. I think GPC would benefit from having some consistency in leadership. I think many officers would express that some institutional memory would be helpful; This year we’ve made sure that our student employees get paid; We’ve also restructured funding and opened it up for smaller groups and made travel funding more equal and fair. I’m currently working with student life to reduce the 50% the fee that we pay to. I will use the relationships that I’ve forged with administrators to continue the course of GPC. If you should choose to reelect me I will continue to do what I’ve done all year, ensuring the GPC efficiently and effectively serves our constituents.

Candidates for Vice President: Brittany Perrin, Mike Martin, and Jonathon Pryor
Brittany Perrin:
I’m the representative from the Truman School of Public Affairs. I’ve been attending these meetings for a year and so. I was President of a large organization as an undergraduate. I would love to really push the involvement of graduate students at the University. I work for the Center of Leadership Development. I plan events such as leadership conferences. I have a lot of
experience planning events. I would appreciate the opportunity to serve my fellow graduate and professional council students.

**Candidates for Secretary: Jake Wright and Mike Martin**

Jake Wright:
I’ll be a 1st year PhD student next year. This is the only job I’m really interested because it’s the only job I’m actually qualified for. I enjoy GPC and serving the Graduate and Professional student body. I have experience doing all of the things that a secretary of an organization like this should do. I worked as an Executive Assistant in St. Louis, coordinating meetings and events. I also have experience as a leader in the university. I was President of my fraternity. That’s what I got. I hope you’ll vote for me.

Shaun Dierker:
I served as a rep to GPC, on the finance committee and I’ve also served on SFRC. I’m interested in being Treasurer because I have knowledge of where our money comes from and where it’s going. Matt and I have actually been working on the budget a lot together. You not only need to understand how much money we have but also where ; been working and talking alot on the finance commitee abut how the process is going to look next year with all the changes we’ve made to travel awards. You need someone who has an understanding of how to effectively evaluate things as well as campus policies concerning

**Candidates for Treasurer: Scott Thelen, Shaun Dierker, and Mike Martin**

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**Candidates for Programming and Publicity Coordinator: Jacob Holt, Urme Ali, and Jonathon Pryor**

Urme Ali:
I’m finishing my second year as a PhD student in Leadership and Policy Analysis. I’ve planned many events in the past. My largest event was probably around 3,000 people. I’d like to elicit more feedback from people for events that they would like to see. I’d like to see graduate students more involved in the community. We need more professional development forums. We have some pretty good things going on here, but I think some fresh perspective is needed, and I can bring that to it.

**Candidates for National Issues Coordinator: Luke Russell and Mike Martin**

Luke Russell:
I served as State Issues Coordinator for GPC this year and had a great time. I really enjoyed being able to keep everyone up to date on what was happening with the state legislature and enjoyed working ASUM. I also had the opportunity to attend a couple of national conferences, where I joined several NAGPC committees concerned with national politics and higher education. I would like to bring that knowledge and experience to a position as National Issues Coordinator.

**[TIE-BREAKING VOTE AT MAY MEETING]**

**Candidates for State Issues Coordinator: Luke Russell and Mike Martin**
Chris Conant:
I’m a JDMBA Student and do a Current Affairs podcast about Missouri. I’ll have done 8 years at Missouri before I get out of here. We spend twice as much money incarcerating people in this state as we do on education, and I would like to see a change in that. ASUM coordinators, I know them already and they’re all ready.

Mike Martin:
My name is Mike Martin and I am a new PhD student Agricultural Education. I taught agriculture at an urban high school for several years before coming here for my PhD. I enjoy serving and working with my cohorts. I’ve held positions on a Graduate Policy Committee and a Search for an Academic Dean. I was also Section Chairman of my Teacher’s organization when I was a high school teacher. This required communicating and working with politicians. I’ve taught, coached, and judged parliamentary procedure events, which seems to be very important here. Since arriving at MU, I’ve participated in RCAF and the MU Cross-Disciplinary Project and would love to serve you guys. I would appreciate your vote and will be happy to serve.

Jordan Dawdy (Rural Sociology, speaking on behalf of Mike): I’ve been in a class with Mike, and I know he’s very committed and cares about the work that he does. I think he has something great to offer the group.

Nominations are closed.

VI. Officer Reports

VII. Liaison Reports

VIII. Announcements

X. Adjournment