Graduate Professional Council  
General Assembly Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2011

Note: Slides provided to GPC will be included in these minutes. Any other documentation (e.g. Excel files and Word documents) will be attached to these minutes. When speaking for the first time, the speaker will be identified by full name and department. After this, the speaker will be identified by last name only.

**Summary of Business**

The following motions\(^1\) were passed by the General Assembly during the meeting:

- Motion to adopt the minutes.
- Motion to adopt the agenda.
- Motion to amend the GPC FY2012 budget as follows:
  - Increase Programming and Publicity Supplies budget to $6,000
  - Increase Rollins Society budget to $2,550
  - Decrease Contingency & Reserve budget by the amount of the combined increase.
- Motion to provide the Multicultural Hour $500 in funding.
- Motion to provide the Heartland Workshop $600 in funding.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 1112-01: A Resolution to amend the GPC bylaws to include a SECTION VI: Committee Responsibilities.
- Motion to adjourn.

The following motions failed to pass:
- None.

The following motions were tabled until the next General Assembly meeting:
- None

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Brittany Perrin, Vice-President.

_Brittany Perrin (Vice-President)_ - As a friendly reminder, please remember to state your name and department when speaking.

**Adoption of Minutes**

\(^1\) Motions to extend discussion are not included in this section.
Perrin - The first order of business is the adoption of the minutes. Are there any errors, corrections, omissions, or amendments? Since there are no errors, omissions, or amendments, is there a motion to accept the minutes?

Kristina Haug (Agricultural Education) - Motion to adopt the minutes.
Sarah Wolken Kendrick (Fisheries & Wildlife) - Second.
Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Adoption of Agenda

Perrin - The next order of business is the adoption of the agenda, which was sent out last week. Are there any errors, corrections, or amendments? Since there are no errors, corrections, or amendments, can I entertain a motion to accept the agenda?

Aimee Koon (Art History & Archaeology) - Motion to accept the agenda.
Max Coldren (Biomedical Sciences) - Second.
Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items

Emerging Professionals in Columbia (EPIC) - James Samorian & Don Hutson
5 minutes

Perrin - The first item of business is a presentation by the Emerging Professionals in Columbia organization. You have five minutes.

James Samorian (EPIC) - We represent Epic. I’d like to take a few minutes to tell you about what we do and how it might be of interest to you. Our name tells you about what we do; we’re a division of the Chamber of Commerce. EPIC focuses on young professionals through events like luncheons and events in the community. We bring in speakers on things like social media and how it applies to your career and the community. We sponsor other events that occur in the evening for social interaction. For example, last year we sponsored a Kentucky Derby event. The purpose is to allow young professionals to meet each other, learn about ways to get involved in the community, and ways to get involved in the Chamber. We’re trying to start a new group, EPIC Student. This group will be geared toward the student population and keeping them involved in the community. We’d like to invite you out to find out about what we do.

Don Hutson (EPIC) - We’re having a mixer on the 18th at the Walton building downtown. There will be free pizza and cookies, and we’ll tell you about what EPIC Student is, our mission, and what we’d like to do. We have fliers with an email address for more information. Contact us if you have any interest.

Samorian - Any questions?
Perrin - What time is the event?

Samorian - The event is from 6:00 to 7:00.

Mizzou 100th Homecoming Presentation - Caleb Phillips and Stacy Burghardt, MU Homecoming Steering Committee
7 minutes
A CENTURY OF COMING HOME

TALENT

Welcome Home

DECORATE THE DISTRICT

CAMPUS DECORATIONS

A Mizzou Tradition

PARADE

ROMP, STOMP, CHOMP TAILGATE

Welcome Home

MERCHANDISE

MIZZOU HOMECOMING

A Century of Coming Home

IMPORTANT DATES

October 7 - 8: Homecoming Kick Off
- Homecoming Parade
- Mizzou Fan Fest

October 8: Homecoming Game
- Homecoming Gameday Breakfast
- Homecoming Luncheon
- Homecoming Tailgate at Mizzou Fan Fest

October 14: Homecoming Football Game
- Tailgate at Mizzou Fan Fest
- Homecoming Concert

October 14: Mizzou Homecoming Gala
- Gala Dinner at the Little Theatre

November 11: Mizzou Homecoming Celebration
- Mizzou Homecoming Parade
- Mizzou Homecoming Tailgate at Mizzou Fan Fest

CORE COMMITTEE

mizzouhomecoming.com
Caleb Phillips (MU Homecoming Steering Committee) - Are there any questions?

Andrew Bisto (Sociology) - Keeping with the tradition of homecoming, is there any chance that the football game will be cancelled in recognition of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars?

Stacy Burghardt (MU Homecoming Steering Committee) - No. The reason homecoming was cancelled in 1945 wasn’t because of the war, but because there was an ongoing gas ration. The university thought it was unfair to ask alumni to come back when they only had five gallons of gas per month to use.

Perrin - Please take these dates back to your departments and encourage students in your department to donate blood. The events are family friendly, which is something GPC tries to cater to. Campus decorations and other events are put on for children, so these are events you can take your families to.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Perrin - Since there are no items of Old Business, we will move on to New Business. Our first item of new business is the approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 budget.

Fiscal Year 2012 (FY2012) Budget Approval - Kristofferson Culmer, President

Kristofferson Culmer (President) - At our May General Assembly meeting, we approved the budget for FY2012. One of the votes that was taken at that meeting was to reduce the funding to the Rollins Society because they had only spent a fraction of their allotted total. At that point, we didn’t have their full funding paperwork back; because we didn’t have the final numbers, the General Assembly reduced their funding from $3,000 to $1,200. Graham McCauley, our Vice-President at the time, assured the General Assembly that the money had been spent and it would be needed. But, the General Assembly moved to allocate the money to Contingency & Reserve, which is a fund to use as we see fit. Rollins Society spent almost all of their money, so they need the full $3,000, or $2,550 that we have proposed.

We don’t want to much money in Contingency & Reserve, because if we have too much, it looks like we’re spending money on the fly and not being fiscally responsible. We need to have funds allocated in our budget.
Now that we have final numbers in, I would like to ask the General Assembly to consider adjusting the funding for the Rollins Society to the $2,550 shown in the budget.

One more area in our budget is Programming & Publicity. The Supplies budget in Programming & Publicity was another area that the General Assembly voted to move money into Contingency & Reserve. In our May meeting, we had our new officers in their roles for the first time, and the previous Programming and Publicity Coordinator was absent. So, a clear description of the Supplies budget was not forthcoming. The supplies budget pays for room rental and associated costs for events like the Welcome Back Party at Quinton’s. We usually spend most, if not all of the money here. Again, we don’t want this money in Contingency & Reserve for the reasons stated previously.

I would ask that you vote to keep the numbers where they were. Like with Rollins Society, we didn’t have the final numbers, and now that we do, we need to have the money in the account. I would strongly encourage the General Assembly to approve a change in the budget to increase funding to Supplies to $6,000 and funding to Rollins Society to $2,550. Are there any questions?

Matt Mower (Physics) - On the budget, it looks like we greatly overspent on supplies last year. Will this be an issue this year?

Culmer - No. I speak with the Programing and Publicity Coordinator regularly and get monthly updates on the budget. Last year, we were caught be surprise, but that won’t be an issue this year. We want greater transparancy, so Urme is providing updates to the General Assembly. So, overspending won’t be an issue. Our Treasurer, Eric Steege, and I had a meeting last week and we’re going to see what Student Affairs can do with us to let us break down our line items further, so we can have categories like “room rentals,” rather than “supplies.”

Seth Kurtenbach (Philosophy) - I have two questions. What about having a large amount in Contingency & Reserve makes us look irresponsible, and given that it does, how does it affect the University giving us money?

Culmer - If we put money in Contingency & Reserve without budgeting towards any department, the University doesn’t know how we intend to spend the money, as we are required to show the University. Every year, we present our budget to two bodies. One is the SFRC, which reviews all budgets on campus that receive money from non-academic sources. They make recommendations regarding funding and fee levels. Traditionally, their recommendations are followed. SFRC could say “You have $20,000 in Contingency & Reserve, so we’ll reduce your funding or reduce your funding next year.” The University policy is to have Contingency & Reserve at between 3-5% of the budget.

Curtis Roller (Business Administration) - Where will you come up with the deficit listed in the budget?
Culmer - We’ll pull it from Contingency & Reserve.

Roller - What is 3-5% of our budget?

Culmer - About $7,000-9,000.

Roller - Where are we going to find that money?

Culmer - It’s already there. We have more than that amount in Contingency & Reserve currently. At the beginning of last year, we had a large carryover. So, our carryover this year was $15,000-20,000. Our estimated balance after this year is $11,753, which would be our Contingency & Reserve carryover for next year. Sorry, I misspoke; our Contingency & Reserve will increase from about $3,000 to about $10,000. This will give us a carryover of $11,753. If we don’t rebudget, our Contingency & Reserve would increase to $11,753.

Srijita Dhar (Medical Pharmacology & Physiology) - It seems that there will be about $10,000 in Contingency & Reserve. Are you open to suggestions as to how to use it? Can I suggest a possible utilization of the money?

Culmer - You can suggest it, but right now, we want to vote on the line items in the budgets.

Perrin - Those suggestions can be sent to the Finance Committee.

Culmer - We’ll have monthly updates on where we stand on the budget. Keep us accountable on the budget and let us know what we can do to provide services through our budget. For example, we could increase the Travel Awards.

Perrin - You’re ten minutes past time.

Ray Troy (Nuclear Engineering) - Move to allocate $6,000 to the Programming and Publicity Supplies budget, allocate $2,550 to the Rollins Society Budget, and reduce the Contingency & Reserve Budget by the amount of the combined increase.

Nathan Applegren - Second.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

General Funding Request: Multicultural Hour Coordinator - Gene Chuang

5 minutes
**Multicultural Hour**

Gene Chuang  
Multicultural Hour Coordinator  
Oct. 4, 2011

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**Multicultural Hour (MCH)**

- Established in 2003, co-sponsored by Asian Affairs Center, International Center, Graduate Professional Council (GPC) and Multicultural Center.

- **Mission:**
  To improve understanding & promote better relationships among different cultures.

- **Time and Location:**
  Every Thursday 4pm - 5pm, at the Memorial Union.

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**Participant Information**

- A total of 29 countries and regions were represented at MCH in 2010.

- **2010-2011 Attendance Nationality:***
  - International: 22%
  - American: 78%

- **2010-2011 Attendance Status:***
  - Graduate: 39%
  - Undergraduate: 34%
  - Others: 27%

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**Benefits for Grad Students**

- Experience the cultural diversity on MU campus
- Become familiar with diversity issues and develop a global worldview
- Share cross-cultural experiences and stories
- Build up their professional and personal networks
- Get involved in campus events

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**Annual Budget**

- Estimate total cost of the events: **$2,000**

- Eight special events: $1000 ($500 requesting from GPC)
- Other events: $300
- MU info: $200
- Brochures, fliers and posters: $200
- Room reservation fees: $300

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**Spending on Special Events**

- Semester Welcome ($300)
- The Halloween Pumpkin Carving ($100)
- Thanksgiving (American) ($50)
- The Spring Festival (Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese) ($50)
- Valentine's Day ($50)
- St. Patrick's Day (American and European) ($50)
- Easter ($50)
- Semester Wrap up parties ($300)

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**Promotional plan for MCH**

- Brochures and fliers
- Website: AAC, International Center, ITAP and Facebook Page/Group,
- Media: MU Info, KBIA & KOPN Radio, and Columbia Missourian
- Outreach: Res' Life Fair and International Graduate Students Orientation

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**Multicultural Hour**

Every one is welcome & It’s all Free

- Gene Chuang  
  Multicultural Hour Coordinator  
  msaamulticultural@missouri.edu  
  http://www.facebook.com/MizzouMCH
Eric Steege (Treasurer) - The Finance Committee reviewed their application and recommend the full $500 that they requested. It’s a successful event and attracts a good percentage of graduate students.

Perrin - Is there any discussion?

John Hegarty (Neuroscience) - Is this event redundant with any other multicultural events we’re already funding?

Steege - I don’t konw.

Culmer - Redundancy isn’t something that counts against an application. We have a recurring funding policy; you have to reapply each year. They apply each year and we’ve funded them every year in the pat because they have a good application and have a good event.

Roller - Move to fund the full $500.
Amanda Gray (Education Leadership & Policy Analysis) - Second. Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

General Funding Request: Heartland Workshop
5 minutes
Steege - The Finance Committee recommends funding $250. That’s the minimum baseline. We recommend this because the event was limited in the number of Mizzou students affected because others were brought in from outside and the range was limited.

Milbre Burch (Theatre) - The number of people looks like it was quite large, as suggested by the presentation. There may have been more people affected then we as the Finance Committee were originally aware of. Five bucks per person may be a little light for a first time event.

Koon - There’s a feeling in the Humanities that we’re not getting enough funding from the University. We should encourage positive feelings towards the humanities in general from the GPC.

Bisto - I was also a part of the Finance Committee. What wasn’t mentioned in the proposal was their advertising. Now that I’ve seen it, I’m satisfied that it was made available to the whole campus.

Rebecca Benson (Classics) - I was astounded by how well organized and how professional the event was. This event wasn’t just good for professional students from Mizzou; it helped put Mizzou on the map as a worthwhile program nationally. It seems like it’s worth more than $250 because it’s a first time event and an example for first time events going forward.

Culmer - This is an example of democratic government. The Finance Committee makes a recommendation, and you speak up on behalf of your discipline. It’s the Finance Committee’s job to make recommendations, but it’s your job to accept, reject, or modify the recommendation.

Burch - Motion to fund the full $600.
Wolken Kendrick - Second.
Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.
At Large Representative Elections
5 minutes

Culmer - At the last general Assembly meeting, you were made aware of our At Large positions. Per the Registrar’s enrollment figures, we can have up to 15 At Large Representatives. I'll open the floor for nominations. You can nominate yourself, but there must be a second. Everyone will have 30 seconds to a minute to speak on their behalf. If there are fewer than 15 nominations, we’ll vote by acclamation.

Kurtenbach - I nominate Phil Zema.

Mustapha Alhassan (Social Work) - Can you say a bit about what the At Large reps do?

Culmer - The only difference between an At Large Representative and a Department Representative is that the Department Representative is supposed to report back to their department. Otherwise, they all have the same rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

Roller - I second Phil Zema.

Ryan Rich - I nominate myself.

Joseph Cobetto - I nominate myself.

Sean Grove (Public Affairs) - Second.

Paige Wallace - Does the nominee have to be on GPC to receive the nomination?

Culmer - They shouldn’t be a member of the General Assembly already to be an At Large Representative.

Caleb Jensema - I nominate myself.

Gary Glass (Rural Sociology) - Second.

Roller - If we find someone who’s interested, can we bring them to GPC and bring this up at a later date?

Culmer - We have elections every month at the General Assembly meeting until the positions are full. Are there any other nominations? Then the floor is closed.

Jake Wright (Secretary) - Point of Order. Joseph Cobetto lacks a second.

Roller - I second Joseph Cobetto.

Culmer - Nominees, you have the floor for 30 seconds.
**Phil Zema** - I’m excited about the opportunity to serve. You’ll find I’m easygoing and easy to get along with. I’ll be dedicated and will do the job enthusiastically. [Philip Zema was elected an At Large Representative by acclamation.]

**Rich** - I just have an interest in getting involved in organizations that affect me, so I’d like to get involved in any way I can. [Ryan Rich was elected an At Large Representative by acclimation.]

**Cobetto** - I served on GSA a couple of years ago, and I’m finishing my degree next year. Before I leave, I wanted to have the experience of serving on GPC. I enjoyed being here last month, and I will be energetic. [Joseph Cobetto was elected an At Large Representative by acclimation.]

**Jensema** - As an undergraduate, I was involved in the student association. I want to work with the community and work with all of you. I’m looking forward to the opportunity. [Caleb Jensema was elected an At Large Representative by acclimation.]

**Culmer** - We have 11 more spots, so if you know anyone who is interested, please bring them; we’ll have elections each month.

**Resolution 1112-01: A resolution to amend the GPC Bylaws to include a SECTION VI: Committee Responsibilities**

5 minutes

**Culmer** - We sent out Resolution 1112-01 in order to alter the bylaws pertaining to GPC committees. Last month, you signed up for one internal and one external committee. The regulations for the committees are in the handbook, but they’re not in the Bylaws or the Constitution. So, there’s no mechanism in the Bylaws or Constitution tying committee accountability to the General Assembly. Procedures for funding requests, travel awards, and so on are currently at the discretion of the Treasurer. As a safety measure, we want to include the procedures in the Bylaws. Are there any questions?

**Glass** - Motion to accept the amendment.

**Mower** - Motion to modify “judging” to “eligibility” in section 6.1.a.II in order to be consistent with the other sections of the amendment.

**Glass** - Second.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Alhassan** - What are the criteria for travel funding awards? Is it on the website or will it be determined later?

**Culmer** - We have unwritten requirements that we’ve operated under in the past. At the next meeting, the Treasurer will present them for approval and posting on the website.
If you’d like to make any recommendations, I’d suggest getting in contact with Eric Steege.

*Kurtenbach* - I second the motion to accept the amendment.

*Wright* - Point of Order. The motion on the floor is to accept the unamended amendment. We need a motion to accept the amended amendment.

*Benson* - Motion to accept the amended amendment.

*Kurtenbach* - Second.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

**Officer Reports**

**Technology Coordinator** - There is a calendar system on the website. You can subscribe to it using Outlook or Google Calendar.

**State Issues Coordinator** - I’m currently working on a project in Jefferson City related to the Governor’s Performance Funding initiative. I’ll provide updates as they become available.

**National Issues Coordinator** - Absent (no report).

**Programming and Publicity** -

ELGSA has invited a renowned leader in higher education to give a lecture regarding the expectations and roles of future faculty. Information will be on the GPC website. Also, I’ll be sending out a PowerPoint about GPC after the meeting. If you have
departmental or organization meetings, please share this information so people know what we do. I’ll have an expense report at our next General Assembly meeting.

Secretary - No report.

Vice-President - There’s been a lot of action regarding Columbia Transit. The mayor formed a transit task force, and I serve as the GPC graduate student representative. If you have any comments, input or opinions, please send me an email so I can relay your opinions.

Committees.missouri.edu has information on external committees. If you haven’t heard from your committee chair, go there and see who’s in charge of your committee so you can contact them. If you have trouble getting in contact with them, get in touch with me.

President - Luke Russell, our National Issues Coordinator, is in Washington, D.C. lobbying on behalf of graduate and professional students. He sent me an email in which he let me know he had met with Speaker Boehner and has several more meetings scheduled. A report is forthcoming.

There is a mixer afterwards at 7:30 at Quintons.

For homecoming, we’ve reserved three tailgating spots in the End Zone, across the street from Strickland Hall.

Luke and I will be attending the NAGPS convention. We’ll have a report for you when we return.

If you’re on the Constitution/Bylaws Committee, or if you’re a new rep, please see me after the meeting.

The Registrar has published enrollment figures for the University. Enrollment is 33,000, which is a record.

Last week, I was part of a meeting with the Strategic Planning and Resource Committee. Does anyone here use Tegrity? We’re the number one university nationwide in terms of Tegrity use.

Liason Reports

None.

Announcements
*Bisto* - I'm a member of Rural Mizzou. On October 15, the city council will be considering rezoning a mobile home park for student housing. This action would displace families that don’t have anywhere else to go. We encourage you to share this information with your departments. If you’re interested in voicing your opinion, see me.

**Adjournment**

*Roller* - Motion to adjourn.

[unknown] - Second.

Motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

The General Assembly was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jake Wright
Secretary