Graduate Professional Council
General Assembly Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2012

Notes: Slides, documents, or other documents provided to GPC will be included in 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.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Jake Wright, GPC Vice-President

Adoption of the Minutes

Wright brought forward the first order of business, the adoption of the minutes from the April meeting. No errors, corrections, omissions, or amendments were identified. Wright entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

David Rice of Electrical Engineering moved to adopt and Dane Schaffer, at-large representative, seconded the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Adoption of the Agenda

Wright brought forward the next item of business, the adoption of agenda. There were no changes to the agenda and Wright entertained a motion to accept the agenda as is. Rice of Electrical Engineering motioned and Sarah Nussbam of Public Health seconded the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items

Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President, welcomed the representatives and gave a 15 minutes presentation about what GPC: including the history of the GPC, the role of GPC on campus, the association of GPC and other student associations/governments, source of GPC funding and programs/activities that GPC funds, role of GPC representatives (relating information between the GPC and graduate students in their department - vice-verse, voting member of the general

\(^1\) Motions to extend discussion are not in this section.
Culmer, GPC President presented in lieu of Nick Droege’s (Tiger Pantry Coordinator) absence about the Mizzou Food Pantry. Having a food pantry on campus is a trend in SEC school. There is because graduate students live at the poverty level. The Tiger pantry has been in the works since January between MSA and GPC. Culmer went to University of Arkansas to tour their pantry. Stakeholders have found a need at Mizzou. The Tiger Pantry will be open Oct 11th. The Tiger Pantry will be open to all students, staff and faculty at Mizzou. Students can pick up grocery items twice a month. We have university and community buy-in. It will be located off Rock Quarry Road and on-campus. They are still feeling out the needs and necessary hours during the first year. We need your support, possibly one hour of time per semester; however we are still trying to figure the best schedule of volunteer. We will have information of the web about volunteering or contact you can contact Culmer. Also, let your fellow graduate students know about the Tiger Pantry.

Old Business
None

New Business
None

Officer Reports

Technology Coordinator, Patrick Spencer presented the new website, which is still a work in process. He asked the members to let him know if you have comments or suggests.

State Issues Coordinator, Mary Francis talked about the important state issues from over the summer, including the approval of affordable health care, budget control act of 2011, city budget cuts in utilities, Mizzou tuition, and Missouri increasing scholarships. She is serving on the ASUM board of directors and working on activities where the two organizations can work together.

National Issues Coordinator, Jesse Kremenak talked about the passage of the affordable care act. Information has been posted on the GPC website about the act’s affects graduate students. People can also contact him with questions. Jess discussed the Department of Education’s new shopping sheet for financial aid to streamlines the process. This new form is getting adopted by many institutions. He has posted information about the Missouri general election sheet on the website, including registration information. Voter identification in Missouri is still not picture identification.
Programming and Publicity, Urme Ali discussed how last year’s events saved money and did well, which was one of her objectives. She felt that it was important to spend wisely and hoped the group holds her accountable. She wanted to quality program and asked representatives to provide their and their cohorts feedback about events. She also discussed professional events for graduate and professional students, like RCAF, and wanted to provide more services for students.

Secretary, Michael Martin asked the group to let me know about food issues at tonight’s meeting. Also, he asked the representatives that if they are not going to be the representative and are here temporarily to let him know.

Treasurer, Kristina Haug discussed her role as Treasurer. She talked about general funding, request and how last year’s increase in request has necessitated a need for a more coherent process in allocating money. She discussed how travel funding has become very competitive and team has revamp rubric and criterion. The next deadline is Oct. 12, so check out the website and tell your fellow graduate students about deadlines. Because it is a competitive grant, applicants need to put time and effort into the application and letters.

Vice-President, Wright discussed his role in running the general assembly meetings and his goal is to keep meetings to an hour. We understand that this is your time and we thank you. We will not waste it; however it will not always happen. Wright mentioned that the next meeting will start promptly at 6:00pm. Wright reminded the representatives sign-up for committees. He will contact external committees and representatives should contact him to straighten-out any questions. Internal committee chairs will be in touch with you soon.

President, Culmer announced he was giving away football tickets to Arizona State game at end of his discussion. If you signed up for an external committee you will get an email with more information. You could also find more information at our GPC website or at committees.missouri.edu. He said that it was good to see so many people here. All general assembly meetings will be the 1st Tuesday of each month, same time, and same place. He discussed the officer team’s desire to keep general assembly meetings to only an hour long. He asked that if meetings go over please bear with us. Our work and discussions deal with important issues. There can be 16 at-large GPC representatives so next meeting we will begin electing those people. They will get nominated, have an opportunity to delivery speech no longer than ten minutes, and then the general assembly will give an acclamation vote. Culmer mentioned to the groups that it is not to early think about serving on the executive council next year or just getting more involved. The winner of the tickets was Sagar Gupta of Biological Engineering.

Liaison Reports

None
Announcements

Deepika Menon, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum mentioned that next week there is an Indian Food event, at the International MU Student Center on Friday from 7-11pm.

Urme requested that information about these events also be sent to her so we can post the information on GPC’s social media outlets.

Bingru Han, of Accountancy announced that September 25th is the International day and they still need flag barriers.

Martin will email the representatives and provide Robert’s Rules of Order cheat sheets for the next meeting.

Adjournment

Rice of Electrical Engineering motioned to adjourn and Hallie Thompson of Plant, Insect and Microbial Sciences seconded. The motion to adjourn was accepted by unanimous voice vote at 7:04 pm.

Members Present

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer
Patrick Spencer, GPC Technology Coordinator
Robin Ridgway, GPC Advisor
Jesse Kremenak, GPC National Issues Coordinator
Mary Francis, GPC State Issues Coordinator
Michael Martin, GPC Secretary
Urme Ali, GPC Programming and Publicity Coordinator
Jake Wright, GPC Vice-President
Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President
Bingru Han, Accountancy
Neus Vila-Brunet, Agricultural Economics
Amber Houck-Rice, Agricultural Education
Sarah Williams, Art History & Archeology
Sagar Gupta, Biological Engineering
Megan Murphy, Biological Sciences
Brian Crawford, Business Administration
Caitlin Hutto, Business Administration
Jeff Spangler, Business Administration
Nathan Applegreen, Chemistry
Chris Younger, Classical Studies
Danielle Poynter, Communication
YiFan Xie, Economics
Analisa Ortiz, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Liz Reinhardt, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Kendall James, Education, School, & Counseling Psychology
Mayo Fujiki, Education, School, & Counseling Psychology
David Rice, Electric Engineering & Computer Science
Tiancheng Zhuang, Engineering & Computer Science
Alison Rutledge, English
Miranda Mattingly, English
Michael Burfield, Fisheries and Wildlife
Abhinandya Datta, Food Science
Pennam Chinnasamy, Forestry
Nathan Easley, Geography
Caleb Jensema, Health Management & Informatics
Samantha Ghormley, Law School
Deepika Menon, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum
Ashley Anstaett, Library Science
Erin Pearson, Medical School
Molly Greenwade, Medical School
Gabriella Johnson, Medical School
Srijita Dhar, Medical Pharmacology & Physiology
Erik Osman, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Raymond Troy, Nuclear Engineering
Natalie Markis, Nursing
Chris Owens, Physics
David Chappell, Plant Sciences
Hallie Thompson, Plant, Insect, & Microbial Science
Heng Yang, Public Affairs
Sarah Nussbaum, Public Health
Jesca Scaevola, Religious Studies
Mark Porth, Rural Ecology
Anastacia Schulhuff, Sociology
Mustapha Alhassan, Social Work
Emily Rollie, Theatre
Sage Bickner, Veterinary School
Evelyn Makay, Veterinary School
John Koch, Veterinary School
Dane Schaffer, At-Large
Justin Sharpless, At-Large
Ryan Roch, At-Large
Megan Peiser, At-Large
Hisman Abbas, At-Large
Beth Maher, At-Large
Ray Zuniga, Latino Graduate and Professional Network