**Graduate Professional Council**  
**General Assemble Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**October 3rd, 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 6:00pm 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.

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasure, moved to adopt and David Rice of Electrical Engineering, 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. The agenda was motioned, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**Action Items**

**Graduate Student Insurance**

Karen Gruen, the Graduate Student Tuition Support Program Coordinator, discussed graduate student insurance. She also fielded questions from the audience. She also discussed the ramifications of the Affordable Health Care on graduate student insurance.

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\(^1\) Motions to extend discussion are not in this section.
New Business

Multicultural Hour General Funding Request

The general assembly moved, seconded, and unanimously voted to fund the group at $500.

Discussion of General Funding Requests

Haug discussed number of general funding requests last year, thirteen, and the range of funding awarded $200-600. The executive council wants to best serve students, given requests are increasing in number. She proposed a change to general funding request by requiring general funding requests be made and approved by general assembly prior to event being held. Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President, provided some context to the intent of the change. A discussion of the proposed change ensued. Mustapha Alhassan of Social work moved to accept the change, the motion was accepted, and unanimously approved by the general assembly.

Election of At-Large General Assembly Representatives

The following were unanimously approved by the general assembly as at-large members: Megan Paiser of English, Dane Schaffer of Learning, Teaching and Curriculum, Ray Zuniga of Public Affairs, and Beth Maher of Educational, School, and Counseling Psychology

Officer Reports

Technology Coordinator, Patrick Spencer talked about the committee pages on the GPC website.

State Issues Coordinator, Mary Francis talked about the important state issues from the past month and upcoming work of ASUM board.

National Issues Coordinator, Jesse Kremenak talked about the graduate insurance available through NAGPS. He also discussed the upcoming General Election on November 6th. The GPC website has valuable voting information.

Secretary, Michael Martin was absent, no report.

Programming and Publicity, Urme Ali discussed the past and upcoming GPC programming events.

Treasurer, Haug discussed the forthcoming travel deadline of October 12th. She also indicated that the finance committee will start discussions about general funding procedures over the next month.

Vice-President, Wright thanked everyone for coming and being prompt! Wright also reminded everyone to sign up for an external and internal committee if they have not done so yet. One of
his goals is to expand the professional development offerings from GPC. The GPC will have speaker series beginning in spring semester. Details will be forthcoming.

**President**, Culmer discussed the graduate student housing issues on campus. A committee at the University was formed to assess what university does to assist students. The Tiger Pantry is now open to service the needs of students, faculty, and staff.

**Liaison Reports:**

Zuniga discussed an upcoming event with LGPN.

John Koch of Veterinary School discussed on upcoming Veterinary School golf fundraiser.

**Announcements:**

David Broussard of Informational Science and Learning Technology announced that the Student Parent Center had openings. The center was looking ways to better serve international student’s children.

**Adjourn:**

Rice moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded and unanimously approved.

**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
Urme Ali, GPC Programming and Publicity Coordinator and acting Secretary
Jake Wright, GPC Vice-President
Kristofferson Culmencer, GPC President
Justin Sharpless, Agricultural Education
Tilanka Chandrasekera, Architectural Studies
Ron Thompson, Art
Sagar Gupta, Biological Engineering
Megan Murphy, Biological Sciences
Brian Crawford, Business Administration
Caitlin Hutto, Business Administration
Nathan Applegreen, Chemistry
Rebecca Benson, Classical Studies
Danielle Poynter, Communication
YiFan Xie, Economics
Liz Reinhardt, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Kendall James, Education, School, & Counseling Psychology
David Rice, Electric Engineering & Computer Engineering
Hisman Abbas, Computer Science
Alison Rutledge, English
Miranda Mattingly, English
Michael Burfield, Fisheries and Wildlife
Pennam Chinnasamy, Forestry
Nathan Easley, Geography
Ashley Ermer, Human Development and Family Studies
David Broussard, Informational Science and Learning Technology
Deepika Menon, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum
Erik Osman, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Raymond Troy, Nuclear Engineering
Natalie Markis, Nursing
Chris Owens, Physics
David Chappell, Plant Sciences
John Gerhard, Political Science
Michael Hoffman, Psychological Sciences
Heng Yang, Public Affairs
Sarah Nussbaum, Public Health
Jesca Scaevola, Religious Studies
Mark Porth, Rural Ecology
Mustapha Alhassan, Social Work
Saheli Goswami, Textile and Apparel Management
Emily Rollie, Theatre
Sage Bickner, Veterinary School
Evelyn Makay, Veterinary School
John Koch, Veterinary School
Kendall Madson, Veterinary School
Sarah Moreau, Veterinary School
Dane Schaffer, At-Large
Megan Peiser, At-Large
Beth Maher, At-Large
Ray Zuniga, At-Large