General Assemble Meeting
Meeting Minutes
November 7th, 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 were passed by the General Assembly during the meeting.

- Motion to adopt the minutes.
- Motion to adopt the agenda.
- 2013-2014 AY Budget
- 2012-2013 AY General Funding Guidelines

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm 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. Rebecca Benson of Classic Studies moved to accept, Mark Porth or Rural Sociology seconded the motion, and it was 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. Amanda Gray of Educational, Leadership, and Policy analysis, the motion was seconded by Megan Murphy of Biological Science, and approved it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items

Tiger Pantry

Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President, presented for Nick Droege about the Tiger Pantry. The Tiger Pantry is opened and very busy. The need is great for donations and they are looking for ways to stock the pantry. Please spread the word and let your colleagues know about the Tiger Pantry. The facility is located on Rock Quarry Road and soon there will be a location on campus for pickup.
Gray is the operations coordinator at Tiger Pantry. She urged people to email them to arrange a time and space for pick-up locations (tigerpantry.missouri.edu and tigerpantry@missouri.edu). There is also a need for supply bins.

**Boys and Girls Town of Columbia**

Joyln Sattizahn of the Boys and Girls Town of Columbia presented the adopt-a-child over the holiday activity with GPC. Last year the GPC raised $2000, which she thanked us. Sattizahn provided a history and description of the Boys and Girls Town of Columbia. She then talked about the activity that her and Urme Ali (GPC Publicity and Programming) were planning for this year again. A sing-up sheet was passed around and departments were urged to adopt one child. Those departments that signed-up will be receiving an email soon. The deadline for the purchased items is the December 4th GPC General Assembly Meeting.

Culmer discussed the broader youth programs that GPC conducts, such as the West Boulevard Junior High partnership.

**New Business**

**2013-14 AY Budget**

Culmer explained the annual fiscal budget timeline and went through the following PowerPoint slide by slide.
Mustapha Alhassan of Social Work moved to extend discussion time by five minutes, Porth seconded, and motion passed by unanimously by voice.
Culmer and Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer, fielded questions from the audience about the appropriate carry over, how student fees work, why have the GPC spent more money, and how the GPC tries to impact the most students. Wright discussed the upcoming GPC Professional Development series. Justin Sharpless of Agricultural Education moved to accept the proposed budged, Hallie Thompson of Plant, Insect, and Microbial Science seconded. The motion was accepted by unanimous voice.

2012-2013 AY General Funding and Travel Award Guidelines
Haug provided an overview of Finance Committee work. She discussed the proposed changes of the General Funding and Travel Awards Guidelines, outlined below.

Finance Committee Guidelines 2012-2013

General funding:

Event funding parameters:
A $500.00 maximum will be set for all general funding events that serve all graduate, professional and post-doctoral students. A $200.00 maximum will be set for all general funding events that serve departmental events.

Requests:
All application requests must be submitted to the treasurer a minimum of two weeks prior to the GPC General Assembly meeting.

Post-Event Report:
Organizations receiving general funding monies will be required to submit a post-event report within thirty days of the event date. The report will include a one-page document stating the number of individuals in attendance, an overview of event, and five photographs to share on the website.

Travel funding:

Letter of Intent:
Letters of intent from the applicant for travel funding will have a set maximum of three pages, double-spaced with 12 pt. font. Letters of intent that exceed three pages will be docked according to the established travel funding guidelines.

Haug fielded questions. Sharpless move to accept both proposals as is, Murphy seconded the motion, and the general assembly accepted by unanimous voice.

Officer Reports
Technology Coordinator, Patrick Spencer had nothing to report.

State Issues Coordinator, Mary Francis discussed the legislator panel on education and the Missouri Department of Higher Education’s funding formal for higher education, which will be implemented during the 2015 budget year.

National Issues Coordinator, Jesse Kremenak discussed the Educate the Vote initiative. He thanked ASUM, student affairs committee members, and executive members for helping with the project. Kremenak also talked about how sequestration that might take effect on January 2nd. He will post letter for the STEM fields to sign, which connects to lobbying efforts to stop sequestration. Kremenak disused the upcoming meeting with MU people to spread the word about sequestration.

Programming and Publicity, Urme discussed the successful Fright Night event, urged people to help with the Boys and Girls Town holiday activity, previewed RCAF, and asked the General Assembly members to join the GPC Facebook page and follow the GPC on twitter.

Secretary, Michael Martin had nothing to report.

Treasurer, Haug, discussed the 1st travel grant allocation with the data provided below.

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Vice-President, Wright discussed his visit to the NAGPS national meeting and believed that Mizzou GPC is in a good position. He thanked the General Assembly members for their hard work.

President, Culmer, provided a brief history of NAGPS. Mizzou will host the South Central meeting of NAGPS. Culmer is organizing and plan the event and if people want to help please contact him. Culmer is the regional chair, Wright is Vice-Chair, and Kremenak is legislative chair.

Culmer also provided an update on the student housing issues. The university will institute a system of an office on campus for graduate student housing referrals and assistance, which is short-term solution. The university is looking into other options for the long term. Housing is
tied to stipend. Culmer is developing a report on the status of graduate and professional students in regards to housing, stipend, and finances for university administrators. He thanked everyone for coming on election night. We had a drawing for Mizzou Men’s Basketball tickets.

**Liaison Reports**

None

**Announcements**

Tilanka Chandrasekera of Architectural Studies discussed an upcoming Yoga history and spirituality event on November 16th, 5:30-6:30pm in Picard Hall, Room 106.

The winners of the drawing were Daniel Poynter of Communication, Ray Zuniga of LGPN, Heng Yang of Public Affairs, and Hisham Abbas of Computer Engineering.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, Thompson seconded the motion, and was passed unanimously.

**Members Present**

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer
Patrick Spencer, GPC Technology Coordinator
Robin Ridgway, GPC Advisor
Jesse Kremenak, GPC National Issues Coordinator
Michael Martin, GPC Secretary
Mary Francis, GPC State Issues Coordinator
Urme Ali, GPC Programming and Publicity Coordinator and acting Secretary
Jake Wright, GPC Vice-President
Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President
Justin Sharpless, Agricultural Education
Tilanka Chandrasekera, Architectural Studies
Sarah Williams, Art History and Archeology
Sagar Gupta, Biological Engineering
Rebecca Benson, Classical Studies
Danielle Poynter, Communication
Hisman Abbas, Computer Engineering
Rahul Singh, Computer Science
YiFan Xie, Economics
Liz Reinhardt, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Amanda Gray, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Mayo Fujiki, Educational, School, & Counseling Psychology
Alison Rutledge, English
Miranda Mattingly, English
Michael Burfield, Fisheries and Wildlife
Pennam Chinnasamy, Forestry
Nathan Easley, Geography
Samantha Ghormley, Law School
Sarah Seberger, Law School
Deepika Menon, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum
Ashley Anstaett, Library Science
Erik Osman, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Raymond Troy, Nuclear Engineering
David Chappell, Plant Sciences
Hallie Thompson, Plant, Insect, & Microbial Science
John Gerhard, Political Science
Michael Hoffman, Psychological Sciences
Heng Yang, Public Affairs
Mark Porth, Rural Ecology
Mustapha Alhassan, Social Work
Saheli Goswami, Textile and Apparel Management
Emily Rollie, Theatre
Evelyn Makay, Veterinary School
Dane Schaffer, At-Large
Megan Peiser, At-Large
Ray Zuniga, At-Large