General Assemble Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 5th, 2013

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.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:56pm 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 November meeting. No errors, corrections, omissions, or amendments were identified. Wright entertained a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Mark Porth of Rural Sociology moved to accept, Ray Troy of Nuclear Engineering 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. Megan Murphy of Biological Sciences, made the motion was seconded by Dane Schaffer, member at-large, and approved it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items

Office for Financial Success

Ryan Law and Michael Blumreich discussed the services of the Office for Financial Success and some of the money issues college students’ face.
Student Money Issues

Ryan H. Law, M.S., CFP®, AFC
Office for Financial Success Devotee
Michael D. Blumreich
Office for Financial Success President

Financial Education

- Why is it important?

- Here are some numbers...

Student Money Statistics

Credit Cards

- 91% of undergrads have at least 1 credit card
- Average number of cards: 4.6
- 50% have 4 or more cards
- Average outstanding balance: $3,773
- Average outstanding balance – graduating seniors: $4,101
- 92% of students use cards to fund education expenses, 30% use cards to pay for tuition

Student Money Statistics

Student Loans

- Nearly 13 million Americans attend college each year, and of that 20 million, close to 60% borrow annually to help cover costs.
- As of October 2012, the average amount of student loan debt for the Class of 2011 was $26,500, a 5% increase from approximately $25,200 in 2010.
- Average including Parent PLUS loans: $27,803
- Masters Degree: $44,200
- Ph.D. $59,600
- Professional Degree: $90,711
- Approximately $902 billion to $1 Trillion outstanding student loan debt
- Estimated $1.5 trillion private student loans

Student Money Statistics

Financial Education

- 84% of students said they needed more education on financial management topics

Student Debt

What can we do about it?

- Office for Financial Success

- A service of the Department of Personal Financial Planning
- All appointments are confidential
- All services are free to MU students, faculty & staff
- We provide one-on-one counseling sessions and group workshops & seminars
- Major topics include:
  - Budgeting
  - Credit/Debt Management
  - Student Loans
  - Taxes
  - Saving money
New Business

Travel Funding Request Allocation

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer, presented the summary of the second allocation period for GPC travel grants.

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Travel Budget to date:

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Target: $44,000.00

*Thanks to the Finance Committee members for their time and thoroughness in the award review process!*
The Finance Committee suggested accepting the allocation structure as stated. Justin Sharpless of Agricultural Education moved to accept the recommendation as stated, Hallie Thompson of Plant, Insect, & Microbial Science seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

**2013-2014 Office Elections: Nominations**

Jake Wright was nominated for the office of President.
Urme Ali was nominated for the office of Vice President.
Hallie Thompson was nominated for the office of Secretary.

**Officer Reports**

**Technology Coordinator**, Patrick Spencer had nothing to report.

**State Issues Coordinator**, Mary Francis discussed recent efforts to expand Medicaid as well as provided updates on legislative issues and ASUM activities.

**Programming and Publicity**, Urme Ali, discussed the upcoming Déjà Vu event and the need for RCAF volunteers.

**Secretary**, Michael Martin reiterated the need for RCAF volunteers.

**Treasurer**, Haug, reported that the travel documents are going-out.

**Vice-President**, Wright, reminded the assembly that the professional development event, “Developing Your Academic Portfolio”, event was rescheduled for April 11th. Gold Chalk and Rollins Society nominations are due by Friday at 5:00pm. Jake also invented members to suggested staff and/or faculty to be nominated for as honorary taps in Rollins Society. Jake then updated the group on the graduate student advocacy efforts of Kristopher Culmer, GPC President, and Jesse Kremenak, GPC National Issues Coordinator, in Washington D. C. at the NAGPC Legislative Action Days.

**Liaison Reports**

None

**Announcements**

Alison Rutledge of English announced the colloquium about Victorian Match-Making.

Dane Schaffer announced the Dr. Thomas Reese will give a presentation on Technology in the Classroom as an event during Education Week in the College of Education.

**Adjourn**

Porth made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sharpless seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously at 6:33pm.
Members Present

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer
Patrick Spencer, GPC Technology Coordinator
Robin Ridgway, GPC Advisor
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
Justin Sharpless, Agricultural Education
Ngoc Vo, Architectural Studies
Ron Thompson, Art
Sarah Williams, Art History and Archeology
Megan Murphy, Biological Sciences
Kristen Powers, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Rebecca Benson, Classical Studies
Leslie Nelson, Communication
Hisham Abbas, Electrical Engineering
Liz Reinhart, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Mayo Fujiki, Educational, School, & Counseling Psychology
Alison Rutledge, English
Janessa Toro, English
Michael Burfield, Fisheries and Wildlife
Ashley Ermer, Human Development & Family Studies
Deepika Menon, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum
Srijita Dhar, Medical Pharmacology & Physiology
Erik Osman, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Naphtali Mokgalapa, Nuclear Engineering
Tom Reynolds, Philosophy
Chris Owns, Physics and Astronomy
Hallie Thompson, Plant, Insect, & Microbial Science
Michaela Hoffman, Psychological Sciences
Mark Porth, Rural Sociology
Pat Nash, Soil, Environmental, & Atmospheric Sciences
Emily Rollie, Theatre
Dane Schaffer, At-Large
Megan Peiser, At-Large
Ray Zuniga, At-Large and LGPN