General Assemble Meeting
Meeting Minutes
April 2nd, 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.
- 2013-2014 Academic Year Budget.
- Resolution 1213-02.
- Resolution 1213-03.
- Resolution 1213-04.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:14pm 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. Amanda Gray of Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis moved to accept, Dane Schaffer, member at-large 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. Wright suggested one amendment to the agenda with a rearrangement of presentations. Wright entertained a motion to accept the agenda as amended. Mark Porth of Rural Sociology, made the motion was seconded by Alison Rutledge of English and approved it was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Action Items

Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL)

Angela Speck of CIRTL presented on the mission and services of CIRTL.
The National Issue
- Increasing need for STEM-prepared work force
- Persistently high STEM undergraduate attrition rates
- Most faculty positions expect career-long success in research and teaching, with different balances depending on institution
- Undergraduate students perceive that STEM teaching is neither effective nor motivating

The CIRTL Network - 2011
Boston University
Cornell University
Howard University
Iowa State University
Johns Hopkins University
Michigan State University
Northwestern University
Purdue University
Texas A&M University
The University of Georgia
The University of Texas at Arlington
University of Alabama at Birmingham
University of California, San Diego
University of Colorado at Boulder
University of Houston
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Illinois
University of Pittsburgh
University of Rochester
University of South Florida
University of Wisconsin–Madison
Vanderbilt University & Fisk University
Washington University in St. Louis

The Core Ideas of CIRTL
Teaching-as-Research
- The improvement of teaching and learning is a dynamic and ongoing process
- The deliberate and systematic use of research methods to advance teaching and learning practices
- STEM professor as change agent

Learning Community
- In learning communities, graduate students, post-doc, and faculty share learning and discovery
- Participants collaboratively construct knowledge and achieve learning goals
- Supports growth in teaching and learning

Learning-through-Diversity
- Excellence and diversity are necessarily intertwined
- Students and faculty bring an array of experiences and skills
- Learning of all students is enhanced if all engaged

CIRTL Cross-Network Programs
- Online CIRTL Network Courses
- Network Exchange Programs
- CIRTLcasts
- CIRTL Virtual Coffee Hours

What Does this Mean for CIRTL Graduate Students
- Being more effective teachers throughout their careers
- A competitive advantage for faculty positions, and a head start as junior faculty members
- Increased success in obtaining NSF Graduate Fellowships, CAREER awards, and research funding.

Ultimate Impact on the Nation
A decade from now we envision that current STEM graduate students will be leaders of a national faculty for whom the integration of research, teaching and learning is taken as a given, and that they will have the skills and abilities to make it happen.
New Business

General Funding Request

The Computer Science Graduate Council presented a funding request for a poster competition event.
The Finance Committee suggested funding the group at $250. Nathan Easley of Geography moved to accept the recommendation, Porth seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

**2013-2014 Academic Year Budget Approval**

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer, presented on the pending budget. She provided a summary for each section of the budget. Questions were taken from the assembly for clarification. Kristina entered a motion for accepting the budget as it reads. Gray moved to accept, Rebecca Benson of Classical Studies seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Resolution 1213-02**

Wright read a resolution in support of efforts to establish a Graduate Student Congress at the University of Arkansas, submitted by Wright.
Resolution 1213-02

A Resolution in Support of Efforts to Establish a Graduate Student Congress at the University of Arkansas

WHEREAS graduate students at the University of Arkansas are currently working to create a Graduate Student Congress, and

WHEREAS the University of Arkansas currently has a unified student government for both graduate and undergraduate students, and

WHEREAS the needs of graduate students and undergraduate students often differ, and

WHEREAS these differing needs are often best addressed in the form of separate student government legislatures for graduate and undergraduate students, and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Congress would be a coequal branch to an undergraduate legislature with both houses presided over by a President representing all University of Arkansas students,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University of Missouri Graduate Professional Council, the official student government for all graduate and professional students at the University of Missouri, fully and unequivocally supports efforts by graduate students at the University of Arkansas to form a Graduate Student Congress and encourages University of Arkansas administrators, faculty, and staff to assist in the establishment of same.

Benson moved to accept, Megan Murphy of Biological Sciences seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 1213-03

Wright read a resolution in support of the Student Statement on the Right to Research, submitted by Jesse Kremenak, GPC National Issues Coordinator.
Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President, and Kremenak answered questions from the assembly about the resolution. Benson moved to accept, Rutledge seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution 1213-04

Wright read a resolution honoring Dr. George Justice’s Service as Dean of Graduate School, submitted by Culmer.
Schaffer moved to accept, Benson seconded the motion, and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

2013-2014 Office Elections: Nominations and Elections

Culmer managed the nomination and election process. He sought a motion to vote by accumulation for all candidates running un-opposed. Easley moved to make the motion, Porth seconded, and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Culmer also enlisted volunteers from the assembly to help manage the vote counting process.

The 2013-2014 GPC Officer Election results were as follows:
Jake Wright was voted as the President in an unopposed vote.
Urme Ali was voted as the Vice President in an unopposed vote.
Hallie Thompson was voted as the Treasurer in an unopposed vote.
Michael Burfield was voted as the Secretary in an unopposed vote.
Michael Steska was voted as the Programming and Publicity Coordinator over Saheli Goswami.
Jesse Kremenak was voted as the National Issues Coordinator in an unopposed vote.
Salama Gallimore was voted as the State Issues Coordinator over Corbin Evans.

Officer Reports

Technology Coordinator, Patrick Spencer asked members to send him any graduate and professional student events they want to be posted on the GPC website.
State Issues Coordinator, Mary Francis discussed recent issues related to loan fixed rates, National Graduation Assistantship proposal, and the bond proposal for University of Missouri System in the Missouri House.

National Issues Coordinator, Kremenak provided a recap of his activities at the Spring Legislative Action Days in Washington D.C., which included discussions with legislators about the pending immigration reform bill. He thanked the work of the National Issues Subcommittee. Kremenak provided information about the effects of sequestration. He is also setting up a webinar with legislators and Missouri students.

Secretary, Michael Martin reiterated the need for RCAF volunteers.

Treasurer, Haug, encouraged people to apply for travel funding for the 3rd travel period and provided an overview of the budget process from this point forward.

Vice-President, Wright, reminded the assembly that the professional development event, “Developing Your Academic Portfolio”, event was rescheduled for April 11th.

Programming and Publicity, Urme Ali, discussed the upcoming Déjà Vu event, Quinton’s, and at Perche Creek.

President, Culmer, asked the group for volunteers to help with the Adventures in Graduate Education event. He updated the group on the housing survey which will go out via email soon. Culmer provided an overview of his activities at the Legislation Action Days in Washington D.C. Last, the search for Dr. Justice’s replacement will begin soon and graduate and professional students will have a role in that search process.

Liaison Reports

None

Announcements

Rutledge announced a fundraiser event with a Book Sale in Tate Hall on April 17th.

Adjourn

Easley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sage Buckner of Veterinary School seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously at 8:02pm.

Members Present

Kristina Haug, GPC Treasurer
Patrick Spencer, GPC Technology Coordinator
Kristofferson Culmer, GPC President
Robin Ridgway, GPC Advisor
Michael Martin, GPC Secretary
Mary Francis, GPC State Issues Coordinator
Urme Ali, GPC Programming and Publicity Coordinator and acting Secretary
Jesse Kremenak, GPC National Issues Coordinator
Jake Wright, GPC Vice-President
Bingru Han, Accountancy
Michael Steska, Anthropology
Ron Thompson, Art
Sarah Williams, Art History and Archeology
Sagar Gupta, Biological Engineering
Megan Murphy, Biological Sciences
Jeff Spangler, Business Administration
Kristen Powers, Civil & Environmental Engineering
Rebecca Benson, Classical Studies
Hisham Abbas, Electrical Engineering
Rahul Singh, Computer Science
Xie YiFan, Economics
Amanda Gray, Educational, Leadership, & Policy Analysis
Mayo Fujiki, Educational, School, & Counseling Psychology
Alison Rutledge, English
Janessa Toro, English
Michael Burfield, Fisheries and Wildlife
Phillip Mohebian, Forestry
Nathan Easley, Geography
Ashley Ermer, Human Development & Family Studies
Deepika Menon, Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum
Erin Pearson, Medical School
Erik Osman, Molecular Microbiology & Immunology
Chris Owns, Physics and Astronomy
David Chappell, Plan Sciences
Hallie Thompson, Plant, Insect, & Microbial Science
John Gerhard, Political Science
Michaela Hoffman, Psychological Sciences
Mark Porth, Rural Sociology
Raymond Adams, Social Work
Saheli Goswami, Textile & Apparel Management
Emily Rollie, Theatre
Sage Buckner, Veterinary School
Dane Schaffer, At-Large
Ray Zuniga, At-Large and LGPN
Salama Gallimore
Corbin Evans