GPC
GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 4, 2016

Agenda

I. Call Meeting to Order
   a. 6:10 p.m.

II. Adoption of the Minutes
   a. Minutes adopted with changes

III. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. First: At-large
   b. Seconded: Treasurer
   c. Adopted without changes

IV. Officer Reports
   a. President:
      i. Craft Studio. What will happen when it is closed down? We know that the craft studio is closing its doors at the end of the semester. We have a two-pronged approach—the second prong will be adding academic units. There was a recent conversation about what a craft studio could look like. There are some promising options concerning space. However, as of now there is not enough information to make a decision and move forward on this issue. However, we are working on this, we are moving forward on this.
      ii. Second, Jackie and I just came from a meeting at the University Library Committee. If you have any feedback on how the library is running, you can reach out to us and let us know.
      iii. We would also like to add "It's On Us" program initiative with MSA. This program works to end rape and sexual assault on our campus. If we adopt this initiative, we will be the first SEC school to join!
      iv. Finally, Jackie and I will be attending the Board of Curators meeting at the end of this week and we will be sitting there and listening—we do actually get face to face time with the Board and the UM president. If there is anything you would like us to bring forward, please let us know.
   b. VP:

     i. I will be sending another survey for the external and internal committees in the near future

    ii. If you did not receive emails, then you are not yet on the list serv. Please email Secretary Baker, and we will work on getting this solved.

c. Treasurer:

     i. Live on the website (ask Alex more on this). As soon as this travel cycle ends at this weekend, we will adjust for the next one due to the website (Wufu) changing. So, this Friday is the deadline.

    ii. Groups that receive student fee money will see a 5% hit to their carry over budget from one fiscal year to the next. I want to put that on your radar because it does impact GPC disproportionately. This is due to our April stipend cycle. Part of our carry forward is not actually carry forward—it is money that we set aside from the past fiscal year. They are not just scraping money from general operating funds, but also from student fees.

d. Director of Programming:

     i. We will be having a movie night "the secret life of pets".

    ii. This year, we will have two Halloween parties, because why not? Our own party (date) will have a costume contest.

e. Director of Communications:

     i. Look from an email from me in the next couple of days. In the next couple of weeks, please check out the new GPC website! We are changing over this format.

f. Director of National Affairs:

     i. Hey guys! This past month, Mike Kristofferson, Jackie Gamboa and I talked about our platform objectives. Mostly we tried to get our congress people to sign onto our visa initiative. We also talked about the open access initiative, which is sitting on the floor of congress. We are also continuing work on grads have debt too—Look out for an email of example tweets.

    ii. Finally, open access week will happen in the last week of October. If you are not familiar with the open access movement. Please tweet about it, be involved, and look out for an email on the programming for this week!

g. State Affairs:

i. There will be 8 candidates running for the 44th, 45yth, 46, and 47th districts. They will be at a round table event hosted by us. It will be interesting to see their views and platform initiatives.

ii. Let your vote roar, with GPC worked with other orgs on campus, registered 460 online since August. Other organizations on campus are registering 60 per day.

iii. There will also be voter registration tables at Mizzou's coming blood drive on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of this month. There are also almost daily campaigns in speaker circle to register people to vote. If you are not registered, it's super easy just stop and take a few minutes.

iv. Also, State Affairs had its first committee meeting last Thursday. For not, we will be focused on the photo ID amendment. If you are interested, please email me.

v. Finally, if you have had any adverse experiences with your landlord walking in on your apartment—please let us know. This is a local issue, and we are committed to protecting graduate students. Please let us know you story.

V. Committee Reports

a. Comm. Director: We need as many people as possible to fill out the Climate report! We need a lot of people to meet a minimum threshold. We will be giving out gifts—including free parking for a year next year. So definitely take some time, please fill this out. We know that some people have some survey fatigue—but this survey is being filled out by everyone in the UM system. The deadline will be November 4th.

b. Library Committee: We've met a couple of time now. We are ALSAC. Primary admission was to see how the fee money would be spent—but because it did not pass, we now need to help the library stay effective, and use the recourse available. We are also looking for ways to find alternative sources of funding.

c. Treasurer: Student Fee review committee. This is the committee composed of undergrad and grad students on how student fees should be changed year to year. We will only have a 1% increase to the total pool. This committee will help decide how that 1% is appropriated to all divisions that receive student fee money, including GPC.

i. Currently the GPC fee is about $25/semester, and our request is that it increase by 4%

      ii. This would generate about $4,500. The funds will be used for mental health and state affairs projects, programming, equalizing officer contracts ($1,200), and budget wellness ($500).

      iii. Carry forward from last year to this year was about $6,600, which was due to travel awards granted last year but paid this year.

   d. Facilities committee: the planning people are planning on building a controlled environment chamber over a commuter lot. The problem is that they are not getting any input from students. So, graduate students in STEM fields may want to ask their departments if they are involved in this new facility.

VI. Liaison Reports

VII. Special Orders

   a. At-Large Representative Elections

      i. VP:

         1. you can nominate yourself

         2. We have 8 available positions.

         3. there can only be 1 at-large from any specific department.

      ii. Akem Okaye—Chemistry (self-nomination)

      iii. Second: Treasurer

      iv. VP: Moving on to a vote (Alex escorts the Okaye from the chamber)

      v. Mostly Ayes

      vi. 1 Nay

      vii. 0 Abstentions

      viii. VP: The ayes have it, Okaye is now a new at-large representative

   b. Director of Programming Special Election Announcement – Ms. Bauer

      i. President: Yue Hao will be transferring to North Carolina at the end of this semester. So, we will be holding a midterm election for director of programming. Anyone who is a graduate or professional student is eligible to run. The stipend received will not influence your FTE standing. Advisors often have this question. If you yourself are interested in running for this position, please reach out the GPC executive board—we would be happy to work with you!

    ii. VP: The reason we are holding elections sooner rather than later is because Yue would like to have a month of transition, to work with the new elected director.

c. Presentation by ChaRae Champion – Great Circle Gift Drive

    i. Thank you guys for letting me come to present tonight! I am the regional management programmer from Great circle. What I'm here to talk about tonight is our Christmas gift drive in Boone and surrounding counties. We serve approximately 360 students total. All of these children are foster children. So, when the holidays roll around, we are responsible for making sure that they receive gifts.

    ii. For the children in our facilities—imagine that it's Christmas morning, you've been removed from your family. We try to make the holidays as bright for the children as we can. We are currently passing out the holiday wish list—our recent increase in children that we are serving means that we need to ask the community to help us meet this increased need.

    iii. We will match up groups in the community to a specific child's wish list. We also try to make sure every child gets the items that they ask for on the list, and that each child gets a new pair of shoes. If adopting an entire list is too much, providing a gift card, or individual items are possible to donate.

    iv. Last year, GPC adopted many, many wish lists. We really appreciated this! It was a huge help for us, and we ask you all to get involved again if you are able. My contact information is on the bottom of the holiday wish list that is being passed around. The general wish list is just a list of overall items that we are always in need of each year. SO these other general wish list items help us supplement children who are removed from their homes right before.

d. Presentation by Barbara Hammer – Digital Accessibility Initiative at MU

    i. I'm the director of the disabilities center on campus. The reason that I am speaking for myself, and other relevant groups, is that the digital accessibility initiative is about three things: 1) a new policy (probably this week) that the campus will establish some web accessibility standards. The process of

merging the IT departments around campus resulted in web accessibility standards. That was the first step in this process.

ii. We will be putting this policy into place—the reason that it is important—is that our entire world is digital, in a sense. All students with various disabilities need to be able to have access to the web. They need to be able to access websites and media as most students do.

iii. We would love representation from GPC, MSA, etc. that oversees implementation of this policy—to make sure that this gets applied as intended

iv. Additionally, we will create a working group to help people figure out how best to apply these initiatives. It's a long list, it's a bit daunting, but it is absolutely necessary.

v. Finally, the reason we're doing this is that it's the right thing to do. Not all students can access the Internet, and we are not currently equipped to meet everyone's needs. We also need to protect the University from liability—other Universities have been sued for not providing sufficient access to digital media.

vi. Romance Languages & Literature: What steps will be taken to make this more accessible?

1. For example, procurement—there is a process where a vendor has to create a voluntary product template to make sure that the University acquires software and products in line with our accessibility policies. If you think about it, this will be a long process that will affect all of the aforementioned points. This is the stuff people have to learn how to do.

VIII. Old Business

a. Update on budget due to enrollment (as per resolution 1516-13) —Mr. Howe

i. Last year, we were predicting some pretty significant revenue decline. So, last year I mandated that whoever became the new treasurer would have to say whether or not we had either a surplus or a deficit. Therefore, I am required to tell you right now that, as of last year, I overspent us by $700. So, we owe ourselves $700 for this year's budget. However, I realized that we have a $1500 financial commitment that the board just forgot to pay out in the form of graduate student awards. There was some confusion on the board about who was supposed to make that happen. So, of the $3000 in additional revenue this

year, $700 will go to covering expenses last year, and $1500 will go to those late awards. The rest of the money will go towards $800, which will be split between mental health programming, event programming, and state affairs.

IX.   New Business

a.   General Funding Request

i.   Missouri International Student Council – Tipparat Udmuangpia

1.   On behalf of the ISC, we would like to do an event— "Let's Talk". This is for the international community on campus. Whenever we talk about sexual assault, it is a very sensitive topic. This is even more so for international students, who are dealing with this in another society. So, this event will help on Friday November 4th at 12:30 to 2 p.m. 109 College of Education. The purposes of this event will discuss the issues of sexual violence on campus. This will include discussions of title 9, American societies, university policies, etc. In the last section, we will bring in international students from different counties who have different perceptions of sexual violence.

2.   We estimate that this event will cost about $381.60. Because we have wonderful sponsors, we will already get $100 from another council. From GPC, we request $281.60

3.   The benefits of this event are clear—we need to build a safer, more informed community for our international students.

4.   VP: We will now open the floor for questions

5.   At-large: What time was this at again? (answer: 12:30-2 p.m.). We estimate 40-50 people will join us

6.   Veterinary Medicine: Who was the mass email being directed to?

7.   Treasurer: The mass email will be sent out to the entire campus community. And they actually do cost $100.

8.   VP: Hearing no more questions, we will have her step out of the room and discuss

9. Treasurer: The response from my committee was very positive—great cause, inexpensive. Questions I did get though: how is attendance estimated? Because this event has never been run before, this is somewhat difficult to gauge. If our GA prefers to recommend an amount different than asked for (such as less) that can be done. The GA always decides how to fund these events.
10. VP: Floor is open for discussion.
11. Personal Financial Planning: Move to call the question based on the requested amount
12. Seconded: At-large
13. VP: moving to vote
14. All ayes (0 nays and 0 abstentions)
15. VP: Now we will vote for full amount requested
16. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)

b. Consideration of Resolutions
    i. Resolution No. 1617-09: A Resolution to Amend the Constitution to Revise Non Discrimination Clause—Mr. Howe
        1. Personal Financial Planning: Forgo Reading
        2. Seconded: ISL rep.
        3. VP: Vote to forgo (all ayes; 0 nays 0 abstentions)
        4. President: So last year, this bill became quite contentious due to the specific language used. What this revised amendment says is that we will not discriminated against anyone, for any reason.
        5. Treasurer: Three components to this:
            a. Instead of listing protected areas, we are referring the University book. This will protect all groups currently legally protected.
            b. Saying we can't discriminate against any groups within the graduate and professional student population.
            c. Finally, we are explaining a bit more about what protected behaviors are, with respect to GPC.
        6. VP: Open up the floor for discussion
        7. At-large: motion to call the question
        8. Seconded: National affair director

9. VP: All in favor to end debate:

10. Mostly ayes (2 nays, 3 abstentions). The ayes have it, we will move to vote

11. VP: all in favor of this resolution as written:

12. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)

ii. Resolution No. 1617-10: A Resolution Requesting Data on Graduate-Professional Students' Contributions to Teaching Output- Mr. Howe and Mr. Culmer

1. Theater: forgo reading

2. Seconded: philosophy

3. VP: vote to forgo

4. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 1 abstention)

5. Treasurer: for some background—in addition to my role in GPC, I am also the employment concerns chair for NAGPS, another national organization. As part of that role, and Kristofferson Culmer is here as the president of that organization, is that NAGPS has a reason to record this data would be a fantastic contribution to NAGPS.

6. Computer Science (Culmer): Here, NAGPS and GPC, in this case, has overlapping interests. This will help us advocate better at the national level. Graduate students teach a lot of courses, and we would like to get a better idea of how much graduate teachers actually teach. The ways to quantify this are currently murky. Collecting this data will help us get a better idea of this, and a better idea of how to serve graduate and professional students. We can also serve other Universities as a model for how to record and serve their constituents.

7. VP: Floor is open for discussion

8. Computer Science (Culmer)—we have a few friendly amendments to make to this ourselves (we made a few errors).

9. Personal Financial Planning: So moved to accept the amendment

10. Seconded: English

11. VP: All in favor of adopting as written
12. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 1 abstentions)
13. VP: The ayes have it; we will amend the resolution as indicated.
14. President: another friendly amendment
15. At large: point of inquiry—the May 1st deadline. Can you explain that?
16. Treasurer: that was put in there to give us something to point at when we ask for the data (the deadline is arbitrary, but helpful).
17. VP: Hearing no further questions, is there a motion to vote?
18. At large: motion to vote on the resolution as written
19. Seconded: Philosophy
20. All ayes (no nays or abstentions)
21. VP: seeing this, I call for a vote for this resolution as written;
22. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)

iii. Resolution No. 1617-11: A Resolution Requesting Data on Graduate-Professional Students' Contribution to Research Output-Mr. Howe and Mr. Culmer

1. VP: motion to forgo the reading:
2. First: (didn't hear)
3. Seconded: (didn't hear)
4. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 1 abstentions) The ayes have it, reading forgone.
5. Treasurer: As of now, it is difficult to quantify research output. We wish the administration, when they record, to list how they recorded and measured this to provide context. The May 1st deadline is more important for this resolution. That is the only addition I have on this one
6. Computer Science (Culmer): Agreed. IN some ways, the University does this for faculty already, we would like them to include doing it for graduate and professional students as well. A means to ask how research output is classified.
7. Treasurer: I think that's all we have
8. VP: Floor open for discussion

9. At-large: Is research output grants and publications—is that how other GRAs experience "research output"?

10. Computer Science (Culmer): This is more of a philosophical amendment, in the sense that it is hard to quantify. We just want the University to tell us how they are quantifying this

11. VP; For clarification, this resolution is asking us to tell us how they would measure this, not to actually provide numbers.

12. Treasurer: They don't have to generate the numbers

13. Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum: Could this be used in a way to be harmful for graduate students? For students in different disciplines, if there isn't a lab situation, would their name not then be attached to research output?

14. Treasurer: My response is categorized as "wishful thinking". I hope that is not the case. I would like them tell us how they produced the numbers, and we want to continue the conversation, which would allow us to publically move away from any misleading presentations of data. If data is presented in any case, one might be concerned with the University is requesting data, and how they are framing graduate students' contributions. However, I think the proper response, we can hopefully prevent this from happening.

15. Computer Science (Culmer): There is already a stigma that certain research contributions are more important than others. But if we start to understand how numbers are calculated, we have more clearly ask questions of the administration, and be sure that all of our constituents are addressed properly

16. President: Point of information. Faculty council would also like to collect this data. We are not the only interested party on this issue.

17. At large: Just to be clear, this would not ask for any formulation on research that is relevant to a specific degree program? (Treasurer nods)

18. Computer Science: Additionally, we broke open the one large "whereas" clause, in separate resolve clauses. This cannot be a friendly amendment, as it is more than substantive.

19. President: Do you intend to also intend to have professional students track this information as well?

20. Computer Science(Culmer): If they fall under the title of research, yes.

21. Treasurer: Doing it this way makes more sense, and is clearer

22. VP: Time has elapsed

23. Personal Financial Planning: more to approved amendments

24. Seconded: AAE rep.

25. Mostly ayes (1 nay, 0 abstentions). The ayes have it. This amendment will be adopted.

26. At large: Call the question

27. Seconded: Personal Financial Planning

28. VP: Move to move to a vote

29. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)

30. VP; Move to a vote

31. All ayes (0 nays, 3 abstentions). The ayes have it, the resolution passes.

iv. Resolution No. 1617-12: A Resolution to Create a Semi-Formal Mechanism to Empower General Assembly Resolutions- Mr. Howe

1. Philosophy: move to forgo reading

2. Mostly ayes (1 nay, 0 abstentions). The ayes have it, we will forgo the reading

3. Treasurer: I would be cool is nobody wants this. The idea here, in my 4th year of GPC, is that we would like to encourage GA members to bring forward topics and recommendations that GPC send this message, or that message. The idea would here would be to make a mechanism for GA members to do this than is currently available. For example, "Hey, I am X, and I would like to work to address topic X and form a working group". They, other GA members would be notified about that

working group, and they would contact the point person to join, and get involved.

4. VP: Floor open for discuss

5. Geological Sciences: Would the working group have any special treatments, or anything like that?

6. Treasurer: No. it might make it easier to get sponsors. It would just empower you to address any topic you are interested in

7. Veterinary Medicine: Do you have any ideas for when a working group has been defunct for a long time?

8. Treasurer: I suppose we would purge them at the end of the year. If you want, we could add a final sentence that the list of active working groups will be purged at the end of each year

9. At large: Well, my question was similar. I would like to suggest that in the amendment just added that successful groups and point people could be retained.

10. Veterinary medicine: (missed) suggested small wording change

11. VP: Motion to approve that amendment?

12. Vet med: approved

13. Seconded: at large

14. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)

15. President: I would like to add a further statement—Do working groups add at the end of the academic year, or at the end of August?

    a. Treasurer: Academic year.

    b. President: Then I would like to amend such that they end in August.

16. First: President

17. Seconded: At large

18. VP" All in favor

19. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)

20. President: Call the question

21. Seconded: Personal Financial Planning.

22. VP: move to move to the vote

23. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 1 abstentions)

24. VP: We will now move to adopt this resolution as written

25. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 1 abstentions) The ayes have it. The resolution is adopted as written.

c. Announcements & Upcoming Events

   i. FREE Wednesday film: Secret Life of Pets with DSA
   October 19, 2016 @ 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
   Wrench Auditorium, Memorial Union South
   Popcorn and soft drinks provided

   Yue Hao: We still have some extra flyers for this event! Please take some!

   VP: Just a reminder, we will be sending an email reminder.

   President: This event was moved because Déjà vu closed.

   ii. CV Docs with GSA
   October 26, 2016 @ 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
   Memorial Union North 206 (Walt Disney Room)
   Registration deadline: October 17

   iii. SPOOKTACULAR with Mizzou After Dark and DSA
   October 26, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
   First Floor, MU Student Center
   FREE for grad/prof students and their guests

   iv. GPC Halloween Party & Costume Contest
   October 28, 2016 @ 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm
   Rooftop patio at the Heidelberg, 410 S 9th St
   Costume contest starts at 9pm

X. Open Forum

   a. Computer Science: Along plug for message congress day—Next Wednesday! We always have a good showing! We would just like you to send 2 or 3 tweets. Please take just a few minutes to help us out. It goes a long way and it is a national event

   b. President: quick statement—We have had a lot of new assembly members this year. One thing I'd like to remind you all is that we encourage you to share all of this information with your department. So, please send out the resolutions ahead of time so that we are getting as much feedback as possible.

XI. Adjournment

General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, Oct 4, 2016
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a. President: move to adjourn

b. Seconded: At-large

c. VP: Move to a vote

d. All ayes (0 nays and 0 abstentions)

e. Adjourned at 8:02 p.m.