



**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, April 4, 2017**

Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. 6:01 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. First: sociology
 - b. Second: LTE
 - c. Minutes adopted without changes
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. First: Philosophy
 - b. Second: Art
 - c. Agenda adopted unanimously, without changes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - i. The task force for parenting is underway! A few GA members are currently serving on this task force. This will be accomplishing the first part of the charge of the task force. Shortly, we will be working on the rest of this process as well. I would like to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your president for this past year! I have learned a lot in this role, and from all of you as well. This experience has really touched my heart, and I will take it with me forever.
 - ii. Two of the resolutions we will look at today involve the reformatting of the constitution and by-laws. The language of the governing documents has not changed, aside from wording changes for the sake of conciseness. If you have any questions or concerns, please come to me and let me know.
 - iii. It does look as if the \$18,000 a year raise for all graduate students WILL go forward.
 - iv. As this point, it is official that Hank Foley will be serving as president at another University shortly. The announcement of the new Chancellor should be made by the end of the semester. This change is putting us in an even more rocky situation as a University, however this will be stabilizing shortly.
 - b. Vice President

- i. I have just a couple of announcements. The Rollins Society announcements went out and will be public shortly. Also, the Gold Chalk Awards are moving forward, and the five winners will be announced shortly on social media.
- c. Secretary
 - i. The Well-Being study has collected more responses than anticipated and is off to a great start! Thanks for the Student Affairs Committee for all of your hard work on this project!
 - ii. Also, thank you to my committee for helping us reorganize our entire GPC storage system—it is so much better than it used to be, and staying organized is vital to the overall health of the organization.
- d. Treasurer
 - i. No report
- e. Dir. of Programming
 - i. A couple of events on our horizon. First, the filed day (co-sponsored with GSA) will be on April 29th.
 - ii. Second, we will be having an end of the year party on the 27th. Our first choice of venue fell through and are currently looking for alternative spaces. Stay tuned for information on this.
 - iii. Finally, there will be a GA appreciation event on May 5th, or reading day.
- f. Dir. of Communication
 - i. Just wanted to say that it has been a pleasure serving as dir. of Communication this year!
- g. Dir. of National Affairs
 - i. Quick items—we have just signed onto a letter advocating for the maintenance of funding for graduate student loans. This concerns graduate students, obviously as we are individuals who take out student loans. Second, we have continued to push for the revitalization of student visas, despite the change in administration.
- h. Dir. of State Affairs
 - i. Every year we do an esteemed legislator award for those who help graduate students. Martha xx and rep. Frederick xxx have graciously accepted our nominations. Rep. Frederick has been pushing for the mental health platform at the state level and has really gone to bat for us. We will be taking the two of them



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to lunch and presenting them with awards at the end of the month.

- ii. April 6th is Advocacy day. There are free rides to Jefferson City and lunch is provided

V. Committee Reports

- a. Sociology: We are currently in the data gathering stage about the parenting initiative. We are looking for personal stories about family studies—I will be making a form and sending it out through the Secretary shortly to work on this and collect story from those who feel like sharing

VI. Liaison Reports

VII. Special Orders

a. At-Large Representative Elections

- i. Philosophy: I would like to nominate Aaron Sullivan
- ii. Second: Treasurer
- iii. Aaron Sullivan accepts the nomination
- iv. Sullivan: I am Aaron Sullivan, department of Philosophy; thank you for considering me.
- v. At-large: motion to move to a vote:
- vi. Second: PFP
- vii. VP: All those in favor of moving to a vote (All ayes)
- viii. VP: All those in favor?
 1. (All ayes)
 2. VP: Aaron Sullivan is now an at-large representative.

b. 2017-2018 Executive Board Elections—Ms. Bauer

- i. VP: I will now take nominations for the 2017-2018 Executive Board. From last meeting, we had two people who withdrew, leaving vacancies.
- ii. VP: First, are there any nominations for president? [no response] Seeing none, are there any nominations for Vice-President?
 1. Treasurer: I nominate Josh Bolton for VP
 2. Second: (didn't see, a GA member in the first two rows)
 3. At-large: I nominate Aaron Sullivan

4. Second: English
5. VP: Do you accept?
6. Aaron Sullivan: I do not accept
- iii. VP: Are there any nominations for treasurer? [no response]
- iv. VP: Are there any nominations for secretary? [no response]
- v. VP: Are there any nominations for Dir. of Programming?
 1. Treasurer: I nominate Kristen Katz
 2. Second: Sociology
- vi. VP: Dir. of Communications?
 1. Dir. of Communication: I nominate Rebekah Holtzclaw
 2. Second: Chemistry
 3. VP: Do you accept?
 4. Rebekah Holzclaw: yes
 5. VP: any other nominations?
 6. Theater: Blake Willoughby
 7. Second: PFP
- vii. Dir. of National Affairs: Jesse Wyatt
- viii. Second: At-large
- ix. Wyatt: I accept
- x. VP: Dir. of State Affairs?
 1. Dir. of Comm: Mike Hendricks
 2. Second: Philosophy
 3. Mike Hendricks: I accept
- xi. President: First, we will start with the office of president. We will give our nominee up to 3 minutes to speak, and then he will be escorted from the room. Then, we will take statements for or against, then move forward for a vote.
- xii. Alex Howe: For those of you who don't know, this is my 4th years in GPC. So, I have been involved with GPC for my entire time here. I thoughts that GPC has a lot of promise for getting things done on campus, and that we could build on some of the earlier successes by earlier administrations and achieve those goals. It's been 4 years, I've been immensely engaged, and involved in every facet of what it does. I have been involved in changes of direction, efficiency, internal minutiae, external undertakings, etc. I have a deep familiarity and a deep passion with organizations, faculty, and administrators that our



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organizations needs to interface with. All of that together, I think that I would be a fantastic candidate for this position.

- xiii. President: At this time, we will take statements or move to a voice vote. [no statements given]
- xiv. Medicine: Can we move forward to a vote?
- xv. President: yes, but we can't skip the options for people to speak
- xvi. President: All in favor of Alex Howe as president?
 - 1. Vote: Mostly ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstention.
- xvii. President: with that we will move to an election of Vice President
- xviii. Josh Bolton: I will keep this short. In general, I feel that I work well with Alex. However, I'm also willing to tell Alex when I think that he's wrong. I also want to keep moving forward with things we've been working on this year. With that, I'm done, I've kept this short. Thank you.
- xix. President: We will now move to a vote. All in favor?
 - 1. Vote: Mostly ayes (0 nays, 2 abstentions)
- xx. President: For our treasurer nominee, Alec Wilsey, you have 3 minutes
- xxi. Alec Wilsey: I have been involved with GPC and really enjoyed it. I also work well with Alex and have experience working with these types of duties.
- xxii. President: Seeing no opposition statements, we will not move to a vote. All in favor?
 - 1. Vote: Mostly ayes, 0 nays, 2 abstentions.
 - 2. Voice vote: mostly ayes
 - 3. 2 abstentions
 - 4. President: For a contested position, we will have ballots passed out and they will be counted by our adviser, Marc Lucas. We would ask you to write as legibly as possible. The two contestants will be Abbot Henderson and Kristen Kalz.
 - 5. President: First, both candidates will make statements, then be escorted from the room.

6. Chemistry: point of order—candidates may not be president during opposition speeches.
7. President: we are not at that point yet, but we will be soon.
8. Chemistry: I do not believe that is the way it is supposed to be read
9. Computer Science: Historically, we've had candidates leave the room which the other speaks.
10. President: If this is how the By-Laws are being interpreted, we will operate as such
11. Abbot Henderson: I'll keep this short as well. I've really enjoyed working with GPC in the time that I've been here. My first experience here was when I first arrived on campus. I realized that this was something I wanted to be involved with, especially given the political climate at the time. I have experienced a steep learning curve with this position, and I think that by running again I can do everything better next year. Anyway, that's the gist of it and that's my piece. Thank you!
12. President: Thank you! Alex, can you please escort him and bring the next candidate?
13. Kristen Kalz: Sorry I'm coming on Friday, and I wrote everything down that I wanted. I am a 4th year graduate student in Physiology and this is perhaps my first time meeting a lot of you. My department has experienced waves of changes in the past few years. I am currently the president of the sociology student group and have served in other leadership capacities within my department. I think that GPC does a good job of helping graduate students in general. However, I think that GPC can do a better job in many respects. During the CGW protests, and as we push forward with the Unitization effort, graduate students have made their voices heard. However, we as graduate students may be ignoring the community at large in some respects. This may be a hard pill to swallow—and we should be asking ourselves why, and how we can help show the community that we value them as well. Effective movements often involved large numbers of people, and community ties are important. We have done a good job of creating our own community, but it's time to branch



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out. Especially given that budgets may only get tighter in the future, we have a lot of work ahead.

14. VP: Time has elapse
15. President: Thank you! Alex (Treasurer) will now escort you out. Support or opposition to Abbot?
16. We will now move forward to a ballot vote. [several minutes elapse, ballots are passed out, counted, and then collected]
17. President: Congratulations to our new director of Programming, Kristen Kalz
18. President: We will now move on to our next election: Dir. of Communication. This is also a contested election. First, Rebekah will give a 3-minute speech, followed by Blake
19. Rebekah Holzclaw: I am in the biochemistry department. I have had the cool opportunity to be the GPC rep. for my organization this year. I would like to get more involved, and meet more of you. That is all I have, thank you very much!
20. President: Blake, you will have 3 minutes
21. Blake Willoughby: I first got introduced with GPC at the orientation with new graduate students. I was really interested and I constantly pestered Rachel Bauer about how I could get involved. I have two years of previous experience in another University. I would also like to try and get more masters students more involved in GPC— as we are here for a very short time and get lost in the turnover. That is all I have, thank you very much for your time.
22. APE: Could we please know more about the duties involved with each position?
23. President: Absolutely. The role of the dir. of communication is to upkeep our social media, and handle our formal communications with outside groups.
24. Dir. of Communication: it's mainly about messaging, and effective messaging. Anyone can make a FB post—

but how do you make an effective FB post? An effective press statement?

25. President: We will now move to a ballot vote [several minutes elapse as votes are passed out, collected, and counted]
26. President: Congratulations to the new director of communication, Rebekah Holtsclaw
27. President: We will now move on to our next vote for Dir. of National Affairs. Our first candidate, Jesse Wyatt, will now leave the room. We will now have 3 minutes to hear from Japheth Knopp
28. Japheth Knopp: I have now worked on the National Affairs committee for 2 years, and been involved in our local events, such as the call congress days. I am also up to speed on the middle term and long term goals of the National Affairs committee. That is all I have, thank you!
29. President: Jesse, you have three minutes
30. Jesse Wyatt: Hi, I am Jesse and I am a graduate in the department of Chemistry. I wasn't to continue to help GPC in any way that I can. I want to continue to further our efforts and goals. That's all I have, thank you!
31. President: Thank you, we will now begin our ballot vote [several minutes elapse as ballots are passed out, collected, and counted]
32. President: Congratulations to the new director of National Affairs—Japheth Knopp
33. President: Now, we will be moving forward to the last election, the Dir. of State Affairs. Mike, you have three minutes.
34. Dir. of State Affairs: I have really enjoyed working in this position this year, and I would like to continue to work in this capacity this coming year as well.
35. We will now move to a voice vote. All in favor?
36. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions).
37. President: With that, I would like to congratulate the 2017-2018 Executive Board of GPC. Thank you to Hallie Thompson as immediate past president!



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- c. Science Communication and Public Engagement (SCAPE) "Science Festival to be held at Peace Park (in collaboration with the March for Science in Mid-Missouri —Ms. Anahita Zaire
 1. Vice President: It's 7:30. Let's get this rolling! We will now hear from our guest speaker on a funding request
 2. Anahita Zaire: Hi! I am here to ask for funding for a Mid-Mo, non-partisan satellite march wherein we have a "science festival" and a science outreach day to tell people what research is and why it's important. This will happen on April 22nd, which is when the national march for Science is.
 3. Anahita Zaire: I have lots of flyers here today, so if you are interested, please take them and share with your department. We also have an MU Info. Set for this event and are in association with Peace Works who will help us advertise in the community. This is being put together recently. We are asking for funding for sharpies, tables, tents, porta-potties, and garbage cans to keep this a clean event. We are asking for \$574 dollars for this event. With reference to graduate and professional students, there is so few opportunities to perform community outreach about what research is. Socially, we also get to have fun. Food trucks will also be there.
 4. VP: What day is April 22nd? [Zaire: Saturday]
 5. Anahita Zaire: Part of the reason it took so long to set this up is that peace Park had already been reserved, and we had to get special permission to use the space.
 6. Vice-President: Thank you, we will now have you leave the room and discuss.
 7. Treasurer: The only questions that have come up were answered by this presentation. All members of my committee were in support of this idea.
 8. Vice-President: We will now take general questions, and question for Alex
 9. Treasurer: In the budget, we have room for this expense. Our revenue this year is higher than expected,

so there is no reason to worry about this too much. This line item has bounced up and down over the years. I think that the best move forward is just to fund who we think we should fund, and consider things at a 3-year average, or something along those lines.

10. At-large (Scott): I would like to emphasize what the speaker said about changes for community outreach. I think that events like this are great opportunities for graduate students and sciences is in particular to show to the Columbia community how we benefit our county, state, and country. The outreach potential for an event like this makes it deserving of funding.
 11. Treasurer: IT is also a feature of such an event—it much include the GPC logo, which only continues to serve our organization in gaining wider recognition.
 12. AEL: If the flyers are already printed, how is our logo going to be on them?
 13. Treasurer: Oh. We will have to talk to them about the flyers.
 14. AEL: I feel that it is important that our logo is on there.
 15. PFP: I recommend we move them up to \$600 and move to a vote
 16. Second; Philosophy
 17. VP: All in favor of that motion?
 - a. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)
 18. VP: We will now vote on increasing the funding to \$600 and granting the funding.
 - a. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions).
 - b. VP: We have one request: to please reprint the flyers and include the GPC logo.
 - c. Anahita Zaire: Yes, we can and will do that, and recycle the old ones.
- d. Asian Affairs Center "Multicultural Hours" –Tzuyang Chao
- i. VP: Now we will hear from the Asian affairs department
 - ii. Chao: Hi! I am xx. I am a member of the department of statistics. We wish to have a multicultural Hour event on every Thursday from 4-5pm at the Memorial Union for the rest of the semester. This event was established in 2003, and we have been sponsored by GPC before. This will sport people from



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different cultures. For example, we have a large number of international graduate and professional students. When I first got here, I knew no one. Though this event, I was able to meet people and make new friends.

- iii. Chao: Estimated total cost for this event is \$400, which includes MU info. Notice, flyers, etc.
- iv. Chao: I think this is a really good opportunity for graduate students to meet people and make new friends. Benefits to graduate students also includes building networks, and learning about different cultures. WE have free admissions, and everyone is welcome.
- v. VP: thank you, we now have 2 minutes for questions to the presenter.
- vi. ELPA: majorities of participants were undergraduates this year?
- vii. Chao: No, we were about half undergraduate students. Graduate students come to our events in large numbers to meet with and work with students.
- viii. ELPA: My question is whether you are asking an undergraduate institution for funding as well
- ix. Chao: NO.
- x. VP: Any other questions? [no response] Seeing none, we will now escort you outside and discuss.
- xi. Treasurer: Same thing with this event. The committee liked the sound of it. As the speaker noted, this is something that we have fund at the \$600 level for multiple years. They work well with us, the get our logo on their materials, and exposure in the international population is very positive.
- xii. Medicine: As an undergrad, I spend 3 of my 8 semesters overseas in another country. Events like thee were essential for me to get integrated into another culture and it allowed me to make a lot of friends that I still have today.
- xiii. LTC: I am one of those people around campus who sees these events. I see that they attract a big crowd. It is not just a multicultural event, but gives great opportunities for networking.

- xiv. VP: any other comments?
- xv. Nursing: I have attended these events and support them
- xvi. Dir. of Communications: move to approve \$600 and a vote
- xvii. Vice-President: We will now move to a vote. All in favor?

1. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 1 abstention).

e. Student Services Fee—Ms. Bauer and Ms. Gamboa Varela

- i. President: It passed.
- ii. President: It passed by something like 79% overall. It did fail among professional students, but not graduate students.

f. GA Election Process—Mr. Baker

- i. Secretary: Hey everyone! Please see the attached documents on the GA election process. We have tried to streamline the process of emailing your departments to hold elections and get the word out about GA positions. We are also trying to shift to new members being elected in every year in April

VIII. New Business

a. Budget for FY18—Mr. Howe

- i. Treasurer: I want to ask if there are any questions. There are not too many changes in this budget for next year compared to the budget last year. Significant changes that we exist are to better match the recurring things that were not matched in actual line item breakdowns. We've increased the programing budget by 2,000 or 3,000 dollars, to make up for the gutting of the programing budget two years prior. We have spent several thousand dollars increasing officer honorariums—this is due to a significant discrepancy between the lowest and highest amounts paid to members of the board.
- ii. VP: Say the food thing
- iii. Treasurer: Have we not brought this up yes [President: no]. So one thing is that, at SFRC, where we have to present our budget each year and request our slice of the student fee pie, SFRC this year decided to emphasize that we were not making as severe of cuts to our budget. They felt that we needed to suffer and that we should not spend money on food to the GA, especially given that other organizations were doing so. They required that we eliminate this funding. I was able to successfully request that they do not reduce our overall budget by that total amount, and instead keep the money were asking for and spending it on other items. There were concerns on that



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committee that we do a better job interfacing with our commitments. We have considered other options for future programs and meetings.

- iv. Vice-President: Seeing no other question for Alex, we can move on.
- v. At large: I move to approve the budget
- vi. Second: Philosophy
- vii. VP: All in favor of approving the budget, please say aye
 - 1. Mostly ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstention
- b. Resolution #1617—18 “A resolution to amend the formatting of the GPC Constitution”—Ms. Bauer and Mr. Wyatt
 - i. President: This should go quickly. This essentially is the very basic resolution that would put the new constitution formatting into place. Jesse? [Wyatt]
 - ii. Chemistry: Everything in this new formation is a number system that is streamlined and consistent.
 - iii. President: Things have just grown and gotten inconsistent over the years. This helps make it reader friends.
 - iv. PFP: Do we need to forgo the reading? Should I do that?
 - v. Second: At-large
 - vi. VP: Vote to forgo the reading
 - vii. Mostly ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstention
 - viii. Treasurer: call the question—move to a vote
 - ix. VP: Vote to move from discussion onto a vote
 - 1. Vote: All ayes
 - x. VP: All in favor of approving this resolution as written, please say aye
 - 1. All ayes
- c. Resolution #1617—19 “A resolution to amend the formatting of the GPC bylaws”—Ms. Bauer and Mr. Wyatt
 - i. VP: All in favor of forgoing the reading on this item
 - ii. First: PFP
 - iii. Second: At-large
 - iv. VP: We will now move onto discussing this item

- v. Wyatt: This more clearly outlines details surrounding GPC officers, and clears up other issues
- vi. PFP: Call the question
Second: Sociology.
- vii. VP: All in favor of moving to a vote
 - 1. All ayes
- viii. VP: All in favor of approving this please say aye
 - 1. All ayes
- d. Resolution #1617—20 “A resolution as continued advocacy for a paid parental or family leave policy for graduate and professional students”—Ms. Bauer and Mr. Valentine
 - i. VP: Do I have a motion to forgo the reading?
 - ii. Dir. of Coming: motion to forgo the reading
 - iii. Second: At-large
 - iv. VP: Vote to forgo the reading
 - 1. Mostly ayes, (0 nays, 1 abstention)
 - v. President: We wanted to make sure that we, as GPC, followed up and made a statement to help move this initiative forward more quickly.
 - vi. Sociology: This is going to be a long (approximately 20 month) process to make headway on this initiative. This helps make it clear our viewpoints, and keep momentum on this up.
 - vii. VP: Questions, comments?
 - viii. PFP: Friendly amendment—second whereas clause [details listed].
 - ix. VP: Anything else?
 - x. PFP: call the question
 - xi. Second: at large
 - xii. VP: all in favor of moving forward to a vote?
 - xiii. Mostly ayes, 0 nay, 1 abstention
 - xiv. VP: We will now vote on this resolution
 - xv. All ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions
- e. Announcements & Upcoming Events
 - i. ASUM Student Advocacy Day—April 13th (Jeff City)
 - ii. End of Year Celebration: Thursday, April 27th at Rose Music Hall
 - iii. Field Day: Friday, April 28th



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IX. Open Forum

- a. President: If you were just elected, or currently a board member, please come to the front before you leave
- b. VP: Any other messages?
- c. At-large: I urge you all to consider and pay attention to things in the state legislature right now. They are currently debating the budget, and about how much money they are considering taking from us as a University in the future. We should spend timing telling the legislature why we are important and why they should not arbitrarily take millions of dollars from us
- d. At-large (Scott): I would like to also say, in response to President Choi's latest message, that part-time faculty and others may be laid off in order to save money. We, as a graduate student body, should stand up and defend this individual.
Art: It is also concern the treat of cuts to entire departments.
- e. Treasurer: One thing that would be an easy thing, if you are inclined to write in, is that there should be absolutely NO layoffs to those making less than \$100,000 a year unless or until they cut salaries to those making over \$250,00 dollars, or other high salaries amounts.
- f. VP: With that, the 2016-2017 Board thanks you!

X. Adjournment

- a. VP: Do I have a motion to end the meeting?
- b. At-large: motion to adjourn
- c. Second: President
- d. VP: vote to adjourn
- e. Mostly ayes (1 nay, 0 abstentions).
- f. VP: This meeting is adjourned at 8:10 p.m.