



**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, Feb 7, 2017**

Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. 6:01 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Motion to adopt minutes without changes
 - b. First: sociology
 - c. Second: at-large
 - d. Vote:
 - i. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions) current minutes adopted.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. First change: resolution to advocate for graduate student parental leave
 - i. Motion to suspend rules to add resolution that was only proposed yesterday
 - ii. First: Treasurer
 - iii. Second: (didn't see; front row GA rep.)
 - iv. Vote: All ayes. Rules suspended to add resolution to the current agenda.
 - v. Vote to add resolution to agenda:
 1. All ayes. Resolution adopted.
 - b. Second change: Move guest speakers closer to the beginning of the meeting
 - i. Vote:
 1. All ayes. Guest speakers moved.
 - c. Third change: Vet med: I would like to add an announcement at the end of the meeting regarding the Josh project.
 - i. Vote to adopt this change:
 1. All ayes. Announcement added
 - d. Fourth change: Computer Science: I would like to add an announcement for NAGPS awards.
 - i. First: Comp. Science
 - ii. Second: President

- iii. Vote to adopt this change: All ayes
- e. Adoption of agenda with changes:
 - i. First: President
 - ii. Second: Bio Sciences
 - iii. Vote:
 - 1. All ayes. Agenda adopted with additions and changes
 - iv. Vote to reinstate the rules for the duration of the meeting:
 - 1. All ayes. Rules reinstated.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. President: Next Friday, there is a meeting that I will be attending to begin negotiation processes for the Aetna student health insurance. I am not the only graduate student on the email list, though this process is somewhat opaque. Essentially, what I need from GA reps. Is to tell me if you need me to address anything as a rep. of the GPC body in that room. There are some things that I am already aware of (vision, dental) keeping the deductible as low as possible, and ensuring co-pays stay low. I did serve on the insurance task force and I know the plan intimately. I do feel capable to serve in this capacity. However, I would love to hear feedback from you so I can better serve graduate student needs. I can also chat about this after the meeting.
 - i. It's on us. As you know, we passed a resolution to sign GPC on this campaign last November. MSA has officially passed their resolution on It's on us as well. We are now working to have the Mizzou Chancellor sign on to this campaign as well. We will be petitioning the board of curators beginning this Friday at the Board of Curators meeting. Our realistic goal for this is March.
 - ii. The title 9 office has officially signed. We are getting support from across campus, which will help our case with system.
 - iii. I do not have specific updates regarding the Chancellor's search committee, but our own Mike Hendricks (Dir. Of State Affairs) will be serving on that search committee. However, he is unable to give us more details right now as he has signed a non-disclosure agreement.
 - iv. As you know, GPC held a call congress day last week. Kevin Kaifer (Dir. Of National Affairs) got this event together last weekend in response to recent national events. GPC is currently working on a statement that says we support our international and minority students. If you or any colleagues feel unsafe, have any issues, or just want to talk, please reach



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out to GPC. We are all here to help, and we are here to be your voice. Please know that you are welcome as students.

- b. Vice-President: The gold chalk award applications have opened. This is for faculty who have made major contributions to students. The applications and letters of rec. are all online. You can send up to 4 letters of rec. for each nominee. For all of the letters, they need to be sent to the nominator so all forms can be submitted at once. Once you have signed in with your pawprint, the application process will come up. March 17th is the deadline for the gold chalk awards.
 - i. Rollins society: Applications are open. All materials need to be submitted directly to the Rollins Society website. It is due on March 16th
 - ii. Some of you are new to GPC, or some of you have switched [committees]. If this is you, please email me so that we have all internal and external committee appointments taken care of. I will be emailing each of you who do not currently have committee appointments and slots need to be filled. Please email me so we can discuss assignments.
- c. Secretary: The well-being survey is nearing final completion. A date will be determined in the near future as to when it will be distributed. In the meantime, please see the attached draft of the survey and let us know if you have any proposed changes, questions, comments, or concerns. We will ask all of you to distribute and participate in the well-being study. Please let me know if you have any questions.
- d. Treasurer: For travel awards, the last cycle was closed last Friday. The news is good—the drop of applications was not evident for this cycle as it was in the fall. We had typical demand—56 eligible applications.
- e. Dir. of Programming: Thanks to everyone who came out to the winter welcome event. We ordered the perfect amount of food and we had a great turnout. Thanks to Billy Williams (Art) and others who helped us arrange this event with the art department.
- f. Dir. of Programming: Second, the RCAF deadline is coming up (February 12th for applications) The event will be on March 11th. If you are from my committee be expecting an email on this shortly.
- g. Dir. of National Affairs: As you guys might imagine, the Trump administration might make some of our objectives more challenging.

Specifically, the international students visa initiative is unlikely to move forward. We will be working on this and will keep you posted on developments.

- i. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped with the call congress day. Graduate students were directly affected by this executive order—with some being detained. Our response on call congress day was fantastic—we have around 330 here at Mizzou, with over 2,000 nationwide.
 - ii. Two important take away regarding international students. 1) administration will stand by international students as best they can, though they will not be breaking the law. 2) The general recommendation is to not travel right now, as coming back into the country might be difficult. That is for my report
- h. Dir. of State Affairs: Welcome back! I will start with landlord/tenant relationships. Everything [issues] that we have been looking into are illegal. It is illegal is the keep security deposit or enter without notice. We will be working on what is essentially a “landlord/tenant bill of rights” this semester. I would like to thank Rachel Owens, on my committee, who has been working hard on a development of a California-sponsored grants for other states to advocate for...(ASK MIKE)
- i. ASUM updates: mental health platform has been sponsored by the chair of the mental health committee. The STEM initiative is moving forward as well. (these committees are in the Missouri legislature). If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

V. Committee reports:

- a. No committee reports

VI. Liaison Reports

- a. No liaison reports

VII. Special Orders

- a. Student Services Fee Feedback and Approval—Ms. Bauer and Ms. Gamboa Varela
 - i. President: MSA will be bringing up a referendum vote on a student fee. It is being called by some the “super fee”. If it is passed, it will be on the docket to be voted on in March. This is something that ALL graduate and professional students will be voting on, and affected by. This is something that you will have the opportunity to vote yay or nay on.



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- ii. President: This is the model for undergraduates [points to graphic behind her] It will be somewhat cheaper for graduate students, as we sign up for fewer credits. It will be approximately \$226 for graduate students. The majority will go to the library, with some going to the counselling center and technology, as well as student unions. With the counselling center, the additional funding will allow the hiring of 3 more counsellors. For student unions, the funds will mainly go to maintain student study spaces. It will also expand printing access. Technology money will also go to expand wifi across campus, as well as putting in white boards and newer items in more classrooms. We also have campus activities, which would pay to bring in speakers, cultural events, and events that are not currently brought in by DSA. We appreciate all of the feedback on this that we got from you guys.
 - iii. VP: The main question is whether or not you, the GA, would approve of this fee being approved and applied. Your comments were very helpful. There was some disagreement, but most of you were in favor of both the library and counselling funds.
 - iv. VP: Some proposed moving funds for additional funding to both the library and counseling, while others do not support any of this proposed fee increase. [goes through and shows some written comments]. We appreciate your comments, and we have enough support to determine whether or not GPC can move forward
 - v. Fine arts: who was this send to? What does this sample size represent?
 - vi. VP: 31 people responded from the GA. These comments were you guys [82 registered GA members].
 - vii. President: we had comments from most areas. Thank you! We will now allow our guest speakers to speak on behalf of some of these areas.
- b. First speaker: I am here to answer specific questions regarding the student fee.
 - c. Shane Stinson: I work in the MU Student center. I am here to represent the MU Unions.

- d. Grace Atkins: I am here for the library and I'm here to answer any questions you have with regard to the libraries.
- e. Vet med: Does this effect collections?
- f. Grace Atkins: Yes, the funds would go to that, as well as extent hours.
- g. Journalism: 2 questions: 1) regarding the collections budget. How much of the proposed fee would be put into that instead of the infrastructure budget? 2) Would you change hours?
- h. Grace Atkins: for the library portion is it \$12. \$2 goes to collections and recourses. We discussed a number of other possible areas of spending (e-books, etc.). For your second question, with the hours of operation situation part of it is the hours, but also the maintenance of the physical space. Increasing the number of cameras that we have (a one-time cost) could be shifted following the 1 time cost to other areas of concern. We want to make sure that all money goes to actual student needs.
- i. President: These fees, also to add
- j. At-large: so there are \$10 extra dollars in the library fee, where are those \$10 going?
- k. Grace Atkins: This money will go to security, personnel, salaries, things such as that. Funding will also go to study rooms and learning spaces as they are pretty run down. Again, these are possible 1 time costs which can be directed to collections afterwards
- l. Law: So the law school is pretty insular, and most of our resources are no longer in print. Will these fees be proportional to use, based on department?
- m. Grace Atkins: The law library is not technically part of the MU system
- n. Law: So law students might pay for something that they would not use
- o. Treasurer: Can our guests please speak to some specific spending lines?
- p. First speaker: Instead of getting students to come to them for leadership training, we would like some funding to go into outreach on student leadership spending.
- q. Treasurer: That seems a flighty commitment. What else will that \$2.50 go towards?
- r. First Speaker:(lists an assortment of study room and maintenance items). These resources, that are also used by graduate students, will receive some of the funding in the proposed fee. We have also asked the library and other fund receivers to look into, on an annual basis,



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student voices to make sure that fee money goes to improve things that students are most interested or concerned with

- s. Shane Stinson: There are about 91 student unions. If these fees are passed, then student unions will no longer need to charge for student's unions to rent projectors and (list of other rentable items) any longer.
- t. VP: The time has elapse, and we need to extend time. Motion to extend by 5 minutes
 - i. First: sociology
 - ii. Second: at large
 - iii. Vote:
 - 1. Mostly ayes (1 nay, 0 abstentions). Motion to extend passed.

Grace Atkins: I understand that graduate priorities are flipped from undergraduate priorities. However, I know that most of you also know how dire the libraries current budget situation is. Since undergraduates have cried out for increased hours, we need to roll this into any proposed library fee updates, even if graduate students do not benefit from this as much.

Journalism: Question regarding access to text-to-speech

First Speaker: We did not discuss that with IT. They do, however, have an committee focused on classroom technology. I can

Journalism: I have had students who have benefitted greatly from this technology more than other things money is spent on. My second question is an emphasis on infrastructure. When I was at Florida, there was always demand for more infrastructure. However the need never stops. How do we prioritize necessary infrastructure spending vs. unnecessary?

Grace Atkins: I know that it is hard to prioritize, but the consensus is that right now for the library learning spaces are in dire need of updating.

AAE: When was the last time we had a fee increase?

Dr. Z: If I can jump in, we had a 65% approval for building the MU Student center. We have never taken this approach to voting on a fee increase before. 100% of this money is going towards areas that students have asked for

AAE Is it ok to share this graphic with my department (answer: absolutely).

VP: Time has elapsed. We would like to thank our guests! [applause]

Shane Stinson: IF you have any questions, please reach out [lists emails].

President: Essentially, we want to know what you would like to do. Would you like us to support this through resolution? Or do you feel your right to vote is sufficient to voice your feelings about this fee?

At-large: point of inquiry—how much input have we had on this fee?

President: Jackie and I were on a committee regarding the development of this fee. We did not support every aspect of this fee, and fought to support what we thought was best for graduate students.

At-large: How much input from undergrad?

VP: much more. More undergraduates were on that committee.

President: Despite this, our voices were heard.

Art: So this came about because the library fee last year was negotiated?

President: Not necessary. The library asked to be a part of this fee. It was designed as a general fee to improve student experience.

Political science: A similar super fee at a much smaller state institution was put into effect at a few years back. I had concerns at the time, but the fee went forward. The fee was clawed back by the University eventually. Can we stop this potential eventual misuse of funds?

Treasurer: The committee that reviews this type of fees has been making efforts to make sure that each individual line is performing as expected. Therefore, there is a better change for transparency that might have been expected otherwise. The downside is that the primary drivers of the fee are the same people who has vested interests in the implementation. So, there is possible decreased oversight and transparency on fund allocation moving forward.

(didn't see):Is it possible for this fee to be delayed for a time, or at least start a conversation of a waiver for graduate students on assistantship?

Treasurer: The answer is two-fold there. No, there is no chance for using this fee for that purpose. The main reason for this is that, given the opaque process with this fee, that probably isn't possible.

AAE: Is this fee continuous? Will it go on?



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President: Yes. It will begin in the fall of 2017. There is no end until we vote for it to end.

Treasurer: No large decreases will ever occur. If we decrease anything by more than 1%, we can't make up those funds. Therefore, it is unlikely that any committee will subtracts money from future fees.

Computer Science: Is it charge on a per credit hour basis?

President: Yes. Most graduate students are enrolled for 9 hours, which is what you will be charged for.

VP: We are approaching the end of discussion time. We would like to call you for straw poll on this issue.

Med: What will happen with fees when tuition goes up?

President: We did bring this up this week. We recommended a repeal of SB 49. So, we don't know if tuition will increase. It cannot, legally, increase substantially. Fees will stay at the same rate.

VP: Now we will close discussion and send an email regarding a straw poll. The poll will be to assess whether you all [GA] to see if we should support this fee or not. Expect an email in the near future regarding how we will move forward on this.

u. At-Large Representative Elections

- i. VP: Is there anyone here to run for at-large? [no response]
- ii. VP: Seeing none, we will move on.

v. Group Funding Request—Mizzou Swing Society

- i. Teresa Mulbrook: I am here to request group funding for a jazz band for a dance event that we are going to have in March. We have about 180 members, and 70 active members. We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For our request, we would like \$600 for a live jazz band at our event the "Tiger Town Kick around". The band will be hired to play for approximately 3-4 hours. This event will be advertised around town and will be open to all students. We are seeking funding for the general expense fund for advertising from other sources as well. This activity has been great for stress relief, and has been a popular event for students. Having these lessons will be great, and instructors of high caliber will be here to help people. This is a rare opportunity in Columbia. Live music will make the event that much more special and nice to dance to.

- ii. Dir. of Comm.: So this is at the rec. center. Will attendees have to pay a fee if they are not students?
- iii. President: I recommend checking on that—everyone will have to swipe in. Check with the rec. center to make sure that graduate students who have not paid the fee can enter
- iv. Geo. Sciences: Is this the first time this event has been held?
- v. Mulbrook: We've had "Meet in the Middle" before. We have also had other events that have pulled in outside dancers before, but not this even
- vi. Vet Med: Is there a fee for a student to bring a non-student?
- vii. Mulbrook: Yes, the fee will be \$15 of a non- Mizzou student and \$30 for non-students. This will go towards fund raising for our association.
- viii. VP: Time has elapse. President Bauer will escort you out while we discuss.
- ix. LTC: I have a comment about ticketing for non-students who will come. I have concerns that GPC would be funding something that would be a fund-raiser for them. If we are covering the cost, and people bring in partners or spouses, this would be a potential concern.
- x. Treasurer: Our rules don't allow us to fund anything that would support a profit. It is not clear if net or gross profit. The more generous and sensible reading is net profit. The issue is that we don't have a way to say "if you make over X amount you must refund us". Therefore, we would not by our by-laws be able to fund it. [goes to get presenter].
- xi. VP: While we wait, let's discuss: would you guys sport the student fee or not?
- xii. Computer Science: I have reservations. Many of these proposed things go to pay for services that do not help graduate students
- xiii. Dir. of Communications: I have reservations as well. They ended up slapping together many things that may have passed on their own, and now the super fee may tank
- xiv. Dir. of Programming: I feel better about the fee after listening to the presentation
- xv. Libraries: They can't get students interested in anything other than the 24-hour proposal, and they need undergraduate support for funding.



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- xvi. Treasurer: back on Swing event. The current rep. cannot unilaterally decide on profit issue now. My recommendation is that we vote on the condition that they remove that, and if they do we can fund them. A condition proposal.
- xvii. PFP: I move that we vote on conditionally approving their funding of \$600, assuming that they remove the entrance fee for anyone.
- xviii. Journalism: Can we fund other parts of their budget?
- xix. President: No, we are not allowed by by-laws to support anything that generates profit or is a fund raiser. There is no way we could if there was an entrance fee
- xx. LTC: Just putting this out there, did this seem like a more group centric event or is it truly open to all students? It is technically open, but it seems rather specific.
- xxi. History: It seems like they are trying to get more students interested in this
- xxii. Second: Geo studies
- xxiii. Vote on to move to a vote on our conditional proposal:
 - 1. VP: All in favor, please say aye
 - 2. Mostly ayes (4 nays, 1 abstention).
 - 3. VP: The motion to move to a vote passes.
- xxiv. VP: All in favor of this condition funding proposal?
 - 1. Mostly ayes (2 nays, 1 abstention)
 - 2. The motion passes. The Swing Society has been conditionally approved funds.

VIII. Old Business

- a. Update on Craft Studio—Mr. Hemanth Modadugu
 - i. President: The Craft Studio moved to Gentry Hall.
- b. Mental Health Survey Feedback—Mr. Baker
 - i. Glenn: Attached version of wellbeing survey. Did anyone take a look at it?
 - ii. At-large: I would appreciate more questions on disabilities.
 - 1. At-large will send email to follow up.
 - iii. Glenn: meeting with Outreach from Counseling tomorrow.

- iv. Will be sending to IRB soon. Will take a week or two.
- v. LTC: Will email with question on specific section
- c. April Elections—Mr. Baker
 - i. Hoping to start a voluntary process to get new members elected before the end of Spring. Some departments don't hold elections until October. If we have election in April, we will have the lists earlier. We will often best practices language. Not required, but strongly encouraged.

IX. New Business

- a. Resolution #1617-15- "A Resolution Opposing Executive Order 'Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States' and Calling for a Guarantee of University Protections for International Graduate Students"—Mr. Scott
 - i. VP: Here is the resolution that was emailed to you.
 - ii. At-large: motion to forgo the reading
 - iii. Second: Sociology
 - iv. VP: Vote to forgo the reading:
 - 1. mostly ayes, 2 nays, 1 abstention.
 - 2. Vote has passed
 - v. At-large (Eric Scott): This order calls on the University Administration to make a serious a simple guarantee to international students regarding their status.
 - vi. Eric Scott: There are approximately 130 international students on campus, and about 100 are graduate and professional students. In addition, there are about 68 depends and spouses accompanying these students. Therefore, the recent national executive order directly impacts Mizzou students. Furthermore, many of these students have been dropped from the job market, or their job prospects are contingent upon their visa status. These students cannot go back to their country of origin to get their visas renewed without being unallowed back into the country. There are a number of other direct issues that have arisen to these international students. I strongly believe that it is our moral duty to stand up for these students, to oppose this executive order as best we can, and to ask our administration for basic protections and guarantees for these students. That is my introduction to this, and I will now be open for questions.
 - vii. VP: We are now open for discussion regarding his result ions



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- viii. Law: I noticed that your call to arms, of sorts, is great but somewhat non-specific. Are you asking them to file briefs? There are more specific actions that can be taken by the administration. It's all fine and dandy to support a general call to action, but it would be better to support a specific sort of action
- ix. Eric Scott: Sure. This clause allows our state affairs and GPC to advocate to the best that they can within the power of their offices. It is not more specific because we already have capable GPC people who know how to ask those with the abilities to file such motions
- x. Journals: I am concerned about potential future executive orders banning people from other nations that are not currently listed.
- xi. Eric Scott: 4th whereas clause alludes to this possibility. In terms of what the resolution does, no it does not obligate us to oppose further execute actions and we don't know what those would look like yet.
- xii. Dir. Of National Affairs: I agree with the sentiment of this resolution. However, I'm worried that we're overstating what we can ask the administration to actually do. If the government mandates something radical (e.g. deportation) there is only so much the university can do. I feel like some of the clauses overstate what they can realistic do.
- xiii. Eric Scott: Can you state where you see that?
- xiv. Nat. Affairs: Absolutely. 3rd resolved clause.
- xv. Eric Scott: Obviously the university cannot guarantee their rights underneath the law. The University can say what those rights are and can say what those rights are. If students are going to be deported, yes there is nothing that we can do.
- xvi. VP: Time has elapse. Motion to extend time?
- xvii. First: Dir. Nat. Affairs
- xviii. President: seconded
 - 1. Vote to extend time by 5 minutes:
 - 2. Mostly ayes (3 nays, 1 abstentions).
 - 3. Motion to extend by 5 minutes passed.

- xix. Treasurer: I read that clause [3rd resolved clause] differently. I read that they would communicate these rights, and nothing further. The other things I wanted to speak in favor of was the protections for student employee status. It's one thing to proclaim solidarity, it's another if the University rushes to comply with National instructions without justified pushback is another.
- xx. Eric Scott: What he said.
- xxi. Law: I am completely behind this thing. However, there are some words in here that aren't quite correct. Being a student and being an employee are not guaranteed by the constitution. I think that what you mean here is "privileges".
- xxii. Treasurer: Can you point out where you're seeing that? [3rd resolved clause]
- xxiii. Law: Further, there is a misconception about what we can do and what our state reps. Can do. An executive order can be not complied with, and filed against (circuit court, federal court). That is why I was talking earlier about the amicus brief (i.e. giving info. About immigrants). Therefore, I was hoping we could put something more specific in here, to ask the administration to take a more direct, legal stand against the current executive order and the negative implications it had for our students.
- xxiv. Eric Scott: I fully admit that I am from the department of English. I am not opposed to the University filing a lawsuit to protect the rights of its students. However, I did not intend to demand that they file a brief
- xxv. VP: Time has elapse, is there a motion to extend time 5 minutes?
- xxvi. First: Dir of Nat. Affairs
- xxvii. Second: Dir. of Comm.
1. Vote to extend time:
 2. mostly ayes (6 nays, 4 abstentions)
 3. VP: Motion carries, we will extend by 5 minutes.
- xxviii. Dir. of Comm.: After executive order was released, University of Michigan stated that they will not share any information about students requested by national government. What, I believe, this is asking for, is for us to see something similar here at the University of Missouri.



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- xxix. Eric Scott: It does not say anything about that specifically, but I agree with the spirit of that idea
- xxx. Journalism: I didn't see language about being a sanctuary city. I know that Florida is investigating that.
- xxxi. Eric Scott: Yes—we are looking into being a sanctuary city and it may come up in a future resolution. I am very interested in pushing to this. However, this legislation was drafted in haste in response to a specific national stimulus
- xxxii. Dir. of National Affairs: I would like to propose an amendment 3rd resolved clause: Change “rights” to “privileges”.
- xxxiii. Second: Dir. of State Affairs
- xxxiv. Medicine: point of privilege, will this mean changing all instances of “rights” to “privileges”.
- xxxv. VP: National Affairs director: would you like to strike in general or only on that 3rd resolved clause?
- xxxvi. Nat Affair: Only 3rd resolved clause.
- xxxvii. VP: We move to discuss the proposed amendment.
- xxxviii. Treasurer: I am strongly opposed to this language change. I think that most people reading this will be coming from an “intuitive” or “public” perspective—and the current wording is more appropriate for how I believe that people will be reading this. The types of rights we are discussing are pretty fundamental. I am uncomfortable using what comes across as a nationalism term.
- xxxix. VP: Time has elapsed. Is there a motion to extend time by 5 minutes?
 - xl. First: Health Science
 - xli. Second: LTC
 - 1. Vote: 28 ayes (9 nays, 3 abstentions).
 - 2. Motion carries, time extended by 5 minutes.
 - xlii. VP: We are addressing the motion to change language from rights to privileges.
 - xliii. Law: I didn't mean this to be taken the wrong way before. I didn't want this to be taken as a legal statement. But “Called up” is ambiguous. Are we demanding? Encouraging? We should use clearer language here. Even if unreasonable, people could

take out of context. We need to explicitly say in what context we mean this to be taken. I would love to see this taken back, and brought forward in the future with different language.

- xliv. Comp. Science: The admin. doesn't read GPC statements as legal statements. They read it as to how GPC feels. When we ask the graduate student body to take a stand on something, are asking to see what the GA supports in a non-legal manner to present to the administration. Privileges is softer and can be removed at any time, without any recourse
- xlv. Dir. of Nat. Affairs: I rescind the motion to amend the resolution.
- xlvi. PFP: I move to change the word injure to "hinder"
- xlvii. Second: Physics
- xlviii. VP: discussion
- xlix. At-large: move to close discussion and vote
 - 1. Second: treasurer
 - li. VP: Motion to close discussion
 - 1. All ayes.
 - 2. Motion to close discussion passes
 - lii. VP: Vote to change the language in line with the motion?
 - 1. Mostly ayes (2 nays, 0 abstentions)
 - 2. Motion to change language passes.
 - liii. At-large: call the question
 - liv. Second: Physics
 - lv. VP: We will now vote to move on and vote
 - 1. Mostly ayes (2 nays, 1 abstention).
 - 2. Motion carries, we move to a vote.
 - lvi. VP: We are now voting on whether to approve this resolution.
 - 1. Mostly ayes (0 nays, 7 abstentions)
 - 2. Motion passes. Resolution adopted.
- b. Resolution #1617--16—"A Resolution to Advocate for a Parental Policy for All Students and a Parental Leave Policy for Graduate and Professional Students on Assistantship and/or Fellowship"
 - i. VP: Do I have a motion to forgo the reading?
 - ii. First: (too fast; front two rows)
 - iii. Second: (too fast; front two rows)
 - 1. Vote: mostly ayes (4 nays, 0 abstentions).



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2. Motion passes, moving to discussion without reading.
 - iv. President: I have met with title 9 and administration on the issue of parental leave for graduate students. We do not have a policy—period. There is no guarantee of approved absences with family related issues. If you were to claim accommodation for pregnancy, birth, or adoption, you are not guaranteed those accommodations. Because the average age of graduate student is 34 years old, and a maternity claim is made several times a semester. The proposal in front of us applies for both mothers and fathers—protection for anyone involves with child related issues and accommodations.
 - v. President: this is two-fold. 1) a policy 2) a paid leave plan. This further plan will be brought forward later in this semester. This is, overall, straightforward. We don't have a plan and we need one.
 - vi. At large: Will this cover students who have a family emergency (e.g., family death and dependency)
 - vii. President: That is something we have considered, but it is not in there per se.
 - viii. President: I don't have the legal expertise to comment in more depth.
 - ix. At-large (Eric Scott): We have graduate instructors in Mizzou who give birth and are then back in the classroom 2 weeks later. The fact that the University does not have a policy on this is, frankly, shameful. I encourage you all to vote yes on this to aid and protect students.
 - x. Dir. of Comm.: Call the question
 - xi. VP: All in favor of ending discuss and moving to a vote:
 1. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)
 - xii. VP: All in favor of this resolution:
 1. All ayes (0 nays, 0 abstentions)
 2. VP: The resolution passes.
 - xiii. President: Administration already knows of our efforts and has a copy of our proposal. We will continue to push for and fight for this, and we already have some support for this measure.
- c. Announcements & Upcoming Events

- i. RCAF—March 12th
 - 1. Leanne: Hi, I am a second year student at the vet school. We are here to talk about the Josh project. All funds raised for this goes to buying a book and stuffed animal for children in the children's hospital. This event will have a professional DJ and dancing, as well as other activities. [points to flyer]. There are flyers over there if you would like to get involved or learn more. Thank you guys!
- ii. Gold Chalk Awards—March 17th at 5pm
 - 1. VP: Abstracts are due on March 17th.
- iii. Com. Science (Culmer): NAGPS awards. Our first NAGPS award goes to GPC. For the third year in a row, we are the student government of the year for the southeast region.
- iv. Comp. Science: Second, Alex Howe has won an award for his work. He has taken it upon himself to call over 200 universities to spread the word about NAGPS. Finally, Jacqueline Gamboa has given an award for her work on NAGPS. Further, because Jaqueline was *such* a rock star, she was also given the NAGPS executive board member of the year (applause from the GA).
- v. Rollins Society—March 16th at 5pm
 - 1. VP: Due march 16th

X. Open Forum

- a. PFP: I just want to make sure that you all know you can get your taxes done for free on certain days and times. This is for any students or families who have incomes <60,000. I would ask GPC to send out an email to everyone about this.
 - i. VP: Make sure that you bring your social security card.
- b. At-large (Scott): CGW will be having its general assembly for next Saturday. We would like to see you all in CGW if you are notn yet a member and are interested.

XI. Adjournment

- a. VP: Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?
- b. First: Treasurer
- c. Second: President
- d. VP: This meeting is adjourned
 - i. 8:14 P.M.