



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

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**Minutes**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. 6:03 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
  - a. Feb minutes: Adopted unanimously
  - b. Special Meeting minutes: Adopted unanimously
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Addition: ASUM update to the special items
  - b. Agenda adopted unanimously
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. President:
    - i. Generic Prescription alternation on Student Health insurance plan in order to save money.
    - ii. Other options on student insurance were considered, but the plan selected (very similar to last year's) was still the cheapest option.
    - iii. By-laws committee is reformatting the constitution to make it more user friendly
    - iv. Resolution on starting a student parent policy—the Chancellor's office has assembled a task force on this issue to see it implemented at the University. If any GA member is interested in serving on this task force, please let us know!
    - v. Student enhancement fee—with the passing of the GPC special meeting resolution, the student body will be voting on the student fee issue shortly. All students should have received an email today as voting opens. It is VERY important for graduate and professional students to vote and have their voices heard
  - b. Vice President:
    - i. As a reminder, Rollins Society nominations are due on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month
    - ii. Gold Chalk awards are due on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
    - iii. Thank you for those who signed up for committees last month! If you do not currently have a committee, let me know and we will assign you to one.

- c. Secretary: Thanks to my committee for continuing to help us reorganize GPC supplies! Also, the Graduate Well-Being Survey will launch soon!
- d. Dir. of Programming:
  - i. Yes, to repeat what Josh just said: if you would like to volunteer, we could really use your help and support! We can guarantee that you will be fed all day.
  - ii. Tomorrow, my committee meeting will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. to finish up RCAF prep.
  - iii. Finally, GPC will be co-sponsoring this year's field day event with GSA and MSA. Field Day will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. We will be looking for anyone who would like to set up a booth at field day (family friendly event), we would like to get you involved.
- e. Dir. of Communication:
  - i. I sent an email to my committee last week for RCAF volunteers. If you are able to help out, please touch base with Abbot after the meeting and please volunteer. Since I never ask a lot from my committee, this is kind of a big deal
- f. Dir. of National Affairs:
  - i. My report is short. This week myself Alex Howe, and Kristofferson Culmer will be at an NAGPS event. We wish to push for issues related to student visas, general higher ed. Funding. We will let you know how that goes next month!
- g. Dir. of State Affairs:
  - i. Last Tuesday, I went with the director of ASUM to the lobby day. I chose to speak with our local legislatures about the science and technology forum. We are hoping to have some developments on that for you soon. If you have any questions, please let us know!
  - ii. Committee report
- h. Treasurer:
  - i. Thanks to my committee for getting the travel award scoring finished! We were able to give away 46 awards, totally over 15,000 dollars.
  - ii. For April, everything on the website will look the same. However, whoever the next Treasurer is will probably have to migrate everything over to Orgsync.



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- iii. History: Could you give us a rough idea of what is required for these rewards?
- iv. Treasurer: Yes. There are three general components: basic application (demographics) 2. Statement of intent 3. Letter of recommendation.
- v. History: Is there a set amount or is it varied?
- vi. Treasurer: Yes, awards are varied. We score, take an average, then assign awards in a three-tiered fashion for financial allotment. First tier: \$600, second: \$500, third: \$200
- vii. VP: Can you also share that you do not see the names of the applicants when evaluating?
- viii. Treasurer: technically, I could see the names, but I choose not to look to avoid possible bias.

V. Committee Reports

a. Library Science committee report:

- i. We would ask all of you to provide any input that you have on library student vision project. This is to get a student driven concept on what students would like the library to be. These suggestions will be taken to the admin.
- ii. Feel free to contact me at (een5k6@mial.missouri.edu).

VI. Liaison Reports

- a. No liaison reports

VII. Special Orders

a. ASUM Student Advocacy Day: April 13<sup>th</sup> (Jeff City)

- i. Steven Chaffin: I am the student director of ASUM. I am here to give you some background on what we're working on here. I am currently in a 2-year position, so I will be around next year as well. Chris Dade is our chapter president right now, and at the end of the year that position will transition.
- ii. If any of you have anything that you would like GPC and ASUM to support, please reach out.
- iii. My pawprint is (sdcr43@mail.missouri.edu). Please let me know if you would like to reach out and/or have questions or suggestions.

- iv. Right now, we are working on a mental health platform at the state level. We have gotten feedback from the University, from the department of mental health, etc. Again, if you have suggestions please reach out to Mike Hendricks or myself.
  - v. The STEM initiative is a platform that ASUM has pushed for several years now. Last year, it almost passed but died in committee on the last day. This initiative would push to hire Mizzou STEM graduates.
  - vi. Finally, we are always lobbying for the University budget. We are still trying to figure out how to craft our message around the recent information regarding the University's budget. We believe that there should be a lot more transparency in the audit process, which is something that we will also push for in the future. I think it is a good time to put some fire on the administration regarding the budget, and resist the impetuous for additional budget cuts.
  - vii. ASUM has come out opposed to the recent bill regarding.
  - viii. House will 667 is dealing with imposing a sales tax on college text book. Currently, there is no sales tax imposed. These bills, however, will attempt simplify the tax code, which would remove provisions such as this.
  - ix. Advocacy day: super simple—we want to connect you with law makers. It will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Transportation, t-shirt, and lunch will be provided. It is a good opportunity for you to speak about whatever issues that you are passionate about with state law makers. You are absolutely free to speak about any issue with law makers. If anyone has any questions, please let me know!
  - x. VP: Are we providing transportation?
  - xi. State Affairs: Local transportation is being lined up. GPC can provide additional transportation is needed.
  - xii. Steven Chaffin: Thank you guys!
- b. At-Large Representative Elections
    - i. VP: Are there any nominations for at-large representatives?
    - ii. VP: Seeing none, we will move forward.
  - c. 2017-2018 Executive Board Nominations
    - i. VP: We will now move forward with Executive board member nominations.
      - 1. At-large: I nominate Alex Howe for president.



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2. Second: political science
  3. Alex Howe accepts the nomination.
  4. At-large: I nominate Michael Hendricks for president.
  5. Second: Treasurer
  6. Mike Hendricks accepts nomination.
- ii. VP: Nominations for Vice-President?
  - iii. VP: There will be another opportunity in April, if you change your mind. [no response from GA] Seeing none, we will move on. Do I have any nominations for the position of Treasurer?
    1. Treasurer: I nominate Alec Willsey.
    2. Second: State Affairs
    3. Alec Willsey accepts the nomination/
  - iv. VP: Seeing none, are there nominations for secretary?
    1. State Affairs: I nominate Glenn Baker.
    2. Second: Dir. of Programming
    3. Glenn Baker accepts the nomination.
  - v. VP: Any other nominations for secretary?
  - vi. VP: [No response from GA] Seeing none, we will move on to dir. of programming. Do I have any nominations?
    1. Bioinformatics: I nominate Abbot Henderson.
    2. Second: ECE
    3. Abbot Henderson accepts the nomination.
  - vii. VP: nominations for dir. of communication? [no response from GA] Seeing none, we will move on.
  - viii. VP: Nominations for dir. of National Affairs.
    1. Dir. of Nat. Affairs: I nominate Japheth Knopp.
    2. Second: President
    3. Japheth Knopp accepts the nomination.
  - ix. VP: Nominations for state affairs
    1. Dir of state affairs: I nominate Rachel Owen.
    2. Second: President
    3. Rachel Owen accepts the nomination.
    4. At-large (Scott): Nicholas Brothers.

5. Second: treasurer
6. Nick Brothers did not accept the nomination.

## VIII. Old Business

- a. Student Services Fee—Ms. Bauer and Ms. Gamboa Varela
  - i. President: All information on this was conveyed earlier during the meeting. Voting closes tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.! Please vote!
  - ii. Art: Rachel, I know that the health center sent out an email about what the health center still covers. Is there room for what this still covers?
  - iii. President: I was not actually in that meeting. I yield to those who were present.
  - iv. Treasurer: This is an issue that has come up before. This year, they stated that there would be a co-pay for each and every office visit. We made our point pretty clearly in our stand alone meetings with the health center. The most charitable understanding I was able to gather was that forces higher up at the University level would have been upset if money was left on the table—making alternative routes untenable. Also, for several years the health center has been running a structural deficit. The co-pay for office visits is one way in which they are attempting to close this structural deficit.
  - v. At-large (Willoughby): While we are on the topic, do we know if they will be increasing the student health fee?
  - vi. Treasurer: The recommendation was to lower it by a few dollars.
  - vii. President: SFRC did recommend that the fee be lowered to compensate for this copay change. SFRC does not, however, make that final decision.
  - viii. President: back to the vote—if anyone has any questions about this fee, or just wants to vote right after, please see me.
  - ix. Political science: When should we expect to see results?
  - x. President: It will be revealed tomorrow evening. We will know right away.
- b. GA Election Process—Mr. Baker
  - i. Secretary: At the end of March, we will be sending out GA election guidelines for the upcoming year.

## IX. New Business

- a. Announcements & Upcoming Events
  - i. RCAF—March 11<sup>th</sup>



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1. Dir. of programming: If anyone would like to volunteer to help us out with RCAF, it would be greatly appreciated!
  2. Art: starting at what time in the morning?
  3. Dir. of programming: Starting at 9 a.m. We will be progressively adding categories throughout the day. And we will provide breakfast, lunch, and the banquet for dinner. In between the last session and the banquet, we will have a networking hour for judges, faculty, and student presenters.
- ii. Well-Being Survey—March 13<sup>th</sup>
1. We will be launching the Well-Being survey shortly! Stay tuned for further emails.
- iii. Women’s Health & Wellness Fair –March 15<sup>th</sup> 11-2pm
1. Psychological Sciences: SO march is Women’s history month. Our committee is hosting two events. The first is a women’s health and wellness fair, and there will be local vendors there. It is March 15<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 2 p.m.
- iv. Tools for Breaking the Glass Ceiling Panel—March 21<sup>st</sup> 12-1pm
1. The other event is a “tools for breaking the glass ceiling panel”. This is open to all students, faculty, and staff as well. It is from Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm-1pm
  2. Political Science: Do we need to RSVP?
  3. Psychological sciences: no, there is no need you can just show up.
- v. Gold Chalk Awards—March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
- vi. Rollins Society—March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm
1. VP: Applications due March 16<sup>th</sup>
- vii. Illegal Questions Workshop—March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm
1. VP: A few of my friends are on the job market and have been asked illegal questions. (e.g., “are you planning on having children?”) We wanted to set up a workshop to inform people on what are legal questions, and what are

illegal questions. There is often a very fine line between what questions are legal and what questions are illegal.

2. VP: One of our goals is teaching people how to respond to illegal questions constructively.
3. VP: We would also like feedback if you have had experiences or if any friends or colleagues have had experiences that involve illegal questions. Real examples would be very helpful.
4. President: A major focus on this will be professional students. Academic jobs are not the only ones where this happens. This also happens in private sector jobs. My fiancé was asked (in the private sector) whether or not I [Rachel Bauer] would be having children in the next two years.

viii. ASUM Student Advocacy Day—April 13<sup>th</sup> (Jeff City)

#### X. Open Forum

- a. Theatre: I am the director of public relations for GSA. We are launching what we are calling “the Writer’s Room” it will be in the Ellis Library room 4F51A (4<sup>TH</sup> Floor—take the elevator to 4r) to help us [graduate students] sit down and actually get some writing finished. The incentive for physically coming is free coffee and snacks, as well as prizes at the end of a 6-week session. GSA will be having elections soon for our officer positions soon too as well!
- b. At-Large (Scott): To follow up from the Resolution at last month’s meeting, there will be a public meeting on Sanctuary Campus at Middlebush 15. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is open to the public. This meeting will be a public listening session.
- c. At-Large: If you are interested in speaking about Sanctuary Campus initiatives, please come and join us for that!

#### XI. Adjournment

- a. VP: Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?
- b. First: sociology
- c. Second: PFP
- d. Adjourned: 7:05 p.m.