

# ARTICLES OF COOPERATION

Between the  
**Graduate Professional Council**  
And the  
**Missouri Students Association**  
Revised December, 2014

## (A) INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMUNICATION:

- (1) Executive, Legislative Officers or Leaders and Advisors: To ensure communication between MSA and GPC, the Advisors, Presidents, Vice Presidents and MSA Speaker of the Senate and, if they should choose, any other MSA/GPC Executives, shall attend meetings twice a semester to discuss issues of either government, planned referenda, position statements, policy decisions, inter-organizational workings, and the composition of internal and external committees.
- (2) MSA Senate and GPC General Assembly: During October of each year, the MSA and GPC officers or Leaders should appear before the other's legislative body to make a presentation, discussing planned student activities and programming for the next year, the goals and activities of each government, and function/membership of policy boards and internal committees.
- (3) Minutes: MSA and GPC shall send copies of the minutes and programming events of their senate meetings to the presiding officer of the other legislative body.

## (B) The Student Fee Review Committee

- (1) PURPOSE: MSA and GPC shall assist the operations of the Student Fee Review Committee in the review of mandatory non-academic fees assessed to students.
- (2) AUTHORIZATION: The Student Fee Review Committee is a committee governed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and serves as a Vice Chancellor's Standing Committee. The Student Fee Review Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs regarding the allocation of mandatory non-academic fees assessed to students.
- (3) APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR: The Chair must be a full-time student of the University of Missouri throughout their full term and must maintain a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average or equivalent. The chair is appointed by a majority vote of the Student Fee Review Committee Appointment Committee composed of the MSA President, GPC President, and outgoing Student Fee Review Committee Chair.
- (4) MSA AND GPC REPRESENTATIVES: The MSA Senate Budget Committee Chairperson and the GPC Treasurer shall serve as co-vice-chairs of the Student Fee Review Committee. They shall be selected according to the rules of each organization.
- (5) Special Rules:
  - (i) BYLAW MODIFICATIONS: These bylaws governing the Student Fee Review Committee shall not be modified without the consent of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs' staff advisor for the Student Fee Review Committee.
  - (ii) DISPLAY OF COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE: Rules for the governance of the committee shall be displayed prominently on the website for the Student Fee Review Committee and not in these bylaws.

## (C) REPRESENTATION

- (1) Departmental Committees: The Department of Student Activities shall provide funding, in the amount of \$5000, annually for at least one event for graduate and professional students. GPC shall have one representative guaranteed to each department in MSA,

(2) Advertisements: There shall be an advertisement logo for both MSA and GPC on any co-sponsored activity. GPC and MSA shall be acknowledged as sponsors at any activities or services co-sponsored by the organizations (i.e., introduction of program, posters, all publicity, etc.). Advertising of events and programs generally shall strive to make graduate students aware that they are welcome at these events.

(D) Funding of Co-Sponsored Activities and Services

(1) Budgetary Allocations: Both MSA and GPC provide student services. To avoid unnecessary duplication of services, MSA will continue to offer services to graduate, professional, post-baccalaureate and undergraduate students. GPC will continue to fund these co-sponsored activities at a fixed percentage (50%) of GPC's current student activity fee. In June of each year, MSA shall provide to GPC a summary of student fees spent for the previous academic year.

(2) Amendment Procedure: If the composition of the co-sponsored services that MSA administers changes significantly, either organization may request that the percentage of GPC's budget (i.e. 0%-100%) allocated to these activities be changed. In order to facilitate budget planning for both MSA and GPC, such a percentage change must be ratified one year in advance of the proposed date of the percentage change. To amend the Articles of Cooperation, both the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly must ratify the proposed changes and the ratification shall require a two-thirds majority in each legislative body.

(E) Student Referendums

(1) Formation of Joint Election Committee: On those occasions when a general student referendum is needed or desired, a joint election committee will be formed. The composition of the committee will consist of the three GPC representatives designated by the GPC president and three MSA representatives, designated by the MSA President. The BEC shall serve as ex-officio members of the joint election committee. The joint committee is charged with preparation of the initiative's wording. All decisions must be agreed upon with a 1 vote MSA and a 1 vote GPC decision, and will be subject to the necessary requirements as specified in the MSA Constitution and the GPC Constitution (i.e., 2/3 passage for approval).

(2) The MSA Board of Election Commissioners shall handle the implementation of the election process. Any polling sites shall be identified as "MSA/GPC Poll Sites." Ballots shall be prepared in a manner which gives equal recognition to MSA and GPC.

(F) Amendment Procedure: To change the Articles of Cooperation, both the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly must ratify the proposed change by two-thirds majority in each legislative body.

(G) Review Clause: The Articles of Cooperation shall be reviewed by MSA and GPC every two years. The results of the review shall be reported to the Advisors of MSA and GPC and to the MSA Senate and the GPC General Assembly.

(H) Appeals Clause: All conflicts and controversies arising between GPC or MSA may be appealed to SOGA only after the organization initiating the conflict makes a good-faith attempt to resolve it with the other organization.

(I) Termination Clause: Termination of the Articles of Cooperation shall only occur after a good-faith effort to revise the agreement. Notice will be given to the other party one year in advance before the Articles of Cooperation will be deemed terminated.

# ARTICLES OF COOPERATION

Between the

**Graduate Professional Council**

And the

**Organization Resource Group**

Revised March, 2006

## I. Purpose

- a. The purpose of the Organization Resource Group (ORG) is to help recognized student organizations familiarize themselves not only with the policies of the University and the resources available to them, but also to aid them financially.

## II. Duties

- a. ORG will allocate one seat on their: Executive Board Selection Committee, Allocation Committee, and Committee to Select the Allocation Committee to GPC. The GPC Treasurer will sit on ORG's Secondary Appeals Committee. Before any changes become effective to ORG's constitution they must be approved by SOGA. ORG will cooperate with the Student Fee Review Committee, in their annual review of student fees and appropriate audits.

## III. Amendment Clause

- a. To change the Articles of Cooperation, both the GPC General Assembly and the ORG must ratify the proposed change by simple majority.

## IV. Review Clause

- a. These Articles of Cooperation will be reviewed every two years or earlier, if both organizations agree.

## V. Termination Clause

- a. Termination of the Articles of Cooperation shall not occur unless approved by both organizations and SOGA. All conflicts and controversies arising between ORG and GPC may be appealed to SOGA only after the organization initiating the conflict makes a good-faith attempt to resolve it with the other organization.

**ARTICLES OF COOPERATION**  
Between the  
**Graduate Professional Council**  
And the  
**The Associated Students of the University of Missouri**  
Revised March, 2006

VI. Purpose

- a. The Associated Students of the University of Missouri (ASUM) shall serve as a student lobbying group representing the various students of the UM-system.

VII. Board of Directors

- a. ASUM shall be governed by a Board of Directors, elected from the various student governments in the UM-system. In accordance with ASUM's constitution and internal bylaws, one of the Board members shall be elected by the Graduate and Professional Council (GPC) General Assembly in the spring for the coming year. As per section 4.8 of GPC bylaws, this board member shall be responsible for reporting to the GPC General Assembly at least once a month on the issues that ASUM is working on.
- b. These Articles of Cooperation will be reviewed every two years. If both organizations agree, these Articles of Cooperation may also be reviewed at any time.

VIII. Good Faith Clause:

- a. The Graduate Professional Council shall work in good faith with the ASUM Board of Directors, Executive Director, Legislative Director, Assistant Legislative Director, and all Legislative Assistants on:
  - i. Helping ASUM set their agenda;
  - ii. Working on issues brought to the Association through the student body;
  - iii. Serving as the primary graduate student voice in ASUM's policy making and lobbying efforts for the Columbia campus;
  - iv. Coordinating lobbying efforts dealing with the University Administration on the Columbia campus, the UM-system as a whole, and the State and National Legislatures
  - v. Any other relevant issues mandated by the Senate and/or the student body.

IX. Amendment Clause

- a. To change the Articles of Cooperation, both the GPC General Assembly and ASUM must ratify the proposed change by simple majority.

## X. Review Clause

- a. These Articles of Cooperation will be reviewed every two years or earlier, if both organizations agree.

## XI. Termination Clause

- a. Termination of the Articles of Cooperation shall not occur unless approved by both organizations and ASUM.

# ARTICLES OF COOPERATION

Between the

**Graduate Professional Council**

And the

**Mizzou Club Sports Federation**

Created March, 2006

## XII. Purpose

- a. The purpose of the Mizzou Club Sports Federation (MCSF) is to help recognized student organizations classified as Sports Clubs by SOGA (or the VC Student Affairs) familiarize themselves not only with the policies of the University and the resources available to them, but also to aide them financially.

## XIII. Duties

- a. MCSF will allocate one seat on their Executive Committee and Executive Selection Committee to a GPC representative. This seat will be filled by one graduate/professional member of the GPC. Before any changes are effective to MCSF's constitution, bylaws, or funding policy, they must be approved by SOGA.

## XIV. Amendment Procedure

- a. To change the Articles of Cooperation, both the GPC General Assembly and MCSF must ratify the proposed change by simple majority.

## XV. Review Clause

- a. These Articles of Cooperation will be reviewed every two years or earlier, if both organizations agree.

## XVI. Termination Clause

- a. Termination of the Articles of Cooperation shall not occur unless approved by both organizations and SOGA. All conflicts and controversies arising between MCSF and GPC may be appealed to SOGA only after the organization initiating the conflict makes a good-faith attempt to resolve it with the other organization.