



**General Assembly Meeting  
Tuesday, September 1, 2015**

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**Meeting Minutes**

- I. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:14pm
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
  - a. Minutes adopted with changes
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. Ms. Satkowski – Move Library fee presentation above the officer reports.
    - i. Kevin Kaifer (Molecular Microbiology and Immunology):  
Seconded
- IV. Installation of the Thirty-Third General Assembly
  - a. Ms. Bauer:
    - i. GPC was founded in 1983
    - ii. We welcome you to the thirty third General Assembly!
- V. Officer Reports and Introductions
  - a. Ms. Thompson:
    - i. Introduction
    - ii. Student representative for Board of Curators will have a rep from Mizzou this year. You will receive more information. Please apply if you have at least two more years at the university.
    - iii. MU Strategic Operating Committee has listed two priorities for Graduate and Professional students:
      1. Graduate student stipend levels
      2. Professional development for Graduate and Professional students.
    - iv. Grad Experience Taskforce
      1. Looking to revise the structure of the group.
      2. This taskforce deals with anything that is related to Grad student experience.

3. A survey from OGS will be coming out. Your feedback is very important, so please take time to fill the survey.

b. Ms. Bauer:

i. Intro

ii. Student Health Insurance Task Force:

1. We have been collecting a lot of data from other universities about their insurance plans and details.
2. All the members in the committee are committed to find a long term solution for the insurance issue.
3. We want to come up with 3-4 options and then the Chancellor will pass the options to the system.

iii. Open Forum

1. Hosted by GPC along with GSA and Office of Graduate Studies
2. Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> September starting at 5pm in Room 204, Strickland hall.
3. Two hours to discuss issues like Health Care, Graduate Student Experience and 0.25 FTE.

c. Mr. Howe

i. Intro

ii. Finance Committee

1. Disburses \$50,000 in travel awards each year.
2. Gives feedback on General Funding requests.
3. Hoping to improve GPC's criteria for Travel award funding as regards to Non-presentation travel with the help of members on Committee.
4. Try to figure out GPC's relationship with ORG going forward since many GSO's and GSA's have issues getting travel funds from ORG.
5. Please sign up for the committee.

iii. BAAC – Budget Allocation Advisory Committee

1. I serve as the voting Graduate Student on that Committee.



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2. The University has recently implemented a 2% roll back to all its divisions – The divisions have to give back 2% of their budget for 4 years back to the general operating fund. This money will be the primary financial driver behind the MUSOP (MU Strategic Operating Plan).
  3. The BAAC is supposed to advise Chancellor Loftin on what items in on the MUSOP should be prioritized for the academic year.
- d. Mr. Jagini:
- i. Intro
  - ii. Additions/Deletions/Modifications in the attendance/ mailing list
  - iii. Signup for at least 1 internal and 1 external committee
  - iv. General Assembly starts at 6pm sharp. Please arrive early to enjoy food and talk to us.
  - v. Say your name loud and clear before you speak anything so that they can be recorded in the minutes.
- e. Ms. Hao:
- i. Intro
  - ii. Events Heads-up
    1. Coffee talks
    2. GPC Fall Welcome Party
    3. Family Friendly Picnic Event – October
    4. PhD movie screening – October 16<sup>th</sup>
    5. Halloween Party at Déjà vu – October 30<sup>th</sup>
    6. Sign up for Programming Committee
- f. Mr. McCune
- i. Intro
  - ii. Programming Committee
    1. Revamping GPC website

2. Social media outreach
  3. Press releases
  4. GPC will advertise events on campus for Graduate and Professional students
- iii. Alumni Outreach
  - iv. #Gradshavdebt2, #Gradsdo
  - v. NAGPS –
    1. Mr. Culmer – President & CEO
    2. Ms. Thompson – Director of Legislative Affairs
    3. Ms. Steen – Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs
    4. Mr. McCune – Director of Legislative Affairs, South Central region
  - vi. GPC Officer’s emails updated
  - vii. I and Hallie serve on the Graduate Student Task Force, let us know about any issues you think graduate students are facing.
- g. Ms. Steen
- i. Intro
  - ii. NAGPS
  - iii. Gradshavdebt2 and Domestic Visa Revalidation
  - iv. National Message Congress Day – October 14<sup>th</sup>, National Call Congress Day - November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. Open Access
  - vi. FASTR Act
  - vii. ASUM
  - viii. Vote and be involved in National and State level advocacy
- h. Ms. Satkowski
- i. Intro
  - ii. Coffee with Rep. Kip Kendrick – October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - iii. Register to Vote – TurboVote!
  - iv. Please let me know about any legislative issues.

## VI. Liaison Reports

- a. Graduate Students Association – Carrie Winship:



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- i. Please let us know if your department does not have a GSA rep.
- ii. First travel funding cycle deadline – September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**VII. Special Orders**

**a. At-Large Representative Elections**

- i. Travis Knapp (English) – Motion to Open At-large representative election
  1. Chip Smith (Chemistry) seconded.
- ii. Alex Howe (Treasurer) nominates Stephen Herman from Philosophy
  1. Phillip Zema (Philosophy) seconded
  2. Stephen Herman is elected as an at-large representative.
- iii. Nicole Songstad (English) nominates herself
  1. Amritaksha Dattagupta (Textile & Apparel Management) seconded
  2. Nicole Songstad is elected as an at-large representative.
- iv. Saniya Bhusari (HMI) nominates herself
  1. Aashish Jagini (Secretary) seconded
  2. Saniya Bhusari is elected as an at-large representative.
- v. Laura Satkowski (Director of State Affairs) nominates Mallory Lumpe (Natural Resources)
  1. Katie Steen (Director of National Affairs) seconded
- vi. Alyssa Bish (Communication) nominates Mary Sorenson (Communication)
  1. Seconded by Kasey Jones (HMI)
  2. Mary Sorenson is elected as an at-large representative.
- vii. Jackie Gamboa Verala (Chemistry) nominates herself

1. Emily Armbruster (Biochemistry) seconded
2. Jackie Gamboa Verala is elected as an at-large representative.
- viii. Michael Burfield (Natural Resources) nominates himself
  1. Aashish Jagini (Treasurer) seconded
- ix. Election for At-Large representative from Natural Resources:
  1. Chip Smith (Chemistry) – Motion to open the floor for discussion
    - a. Phillip Zema (Psychology) seconded
  2. Ms. Bauer: At-large representative responsibilities and duties.
    - a. Clarifications from Kristofferson Culmer and Laura Satkowski
  3. Voting will take place in the October General Assembly.

VIII. Old Business

- a. None

IX. New Business

- a. Guest Presentations
  - i. Library Fee: Matt Gaunt
- b. Representative Expectations – Ms. Bauer:
  - i. Good Standing
    1. In order to receive full travel funding from GPC, your represented area must be in good standing. If it is not in good standing, the students from that department will receive only up to 50% of the maximum.
    2. Every representative should be in good standing as well, which means being in good standing with your respective committees both external and internal.
- c. Consideration of Resolutions
  - i. Resolution 1516-01: A Resolution to Ensure Long-Term Insurance Solutions for Eligible Graduate Students—Ms. Thompson, Ms. Bauer, Mr. McCune



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1. Maria Jones (Biological Sciences) – Motion to open the resolution to floor
  - a. Chip Smith (Chemistry) seconded
2. Grant Knotts (Physics and Astronomy) – Motion to skip the reading
  - a. Jordan Hoyt (Public Health) seconded.
3. Ms. Thompson:
  - a. Resolution is regarding the Graduate Health Insurance issue.
  - b. This resolution emphasizes that Graduate students need a long term solution for this issue.
4. Sarah Colbert (Information Science & Learning Technologies) – Motion to open the floor to discussion
  - a. Maria Jones (Biological Sciences) seconded.
  - b. Sarah Colbert (Information Science & Learning Technologies) – Can we continue having the Insurance contract even when the federal law restricts having such contract?
    - i. Ms. Bauer: This resolution is for having a solution but not about a specific solution.
    - ii. Ms. Thompson: This resolution is to ask for a long term solution and not about a specific solution or federal rules.
    - iii. Mr. McCune: Since the university has promised graduate students for health insurance, it should provide that benefit to the students. If the federal law prevents one kind of insurance,

the university should provide some other insurance.

- c. Mr. Robert Alex Smith (Special Education): Has the administration accepted that it is looking for a solution.
  - i. Ms. Bauer: The administration has not specifically said that but the creation of a task force implies that it is looking for a solution.
  - ii. Ms. Thompson: Previously, task forces were formed for various issues but at the end they either dissolved or ended with no solution. But we can take this resolution to the administration and show them that 80 departments across campus said that this is an important issue for them and they need a solution for this.
- d. Mr. Chris Austin (Learning, Teaching, & Curriculum): Does this resolution talk about negotiating any option.
  - i. Mr. McCune: This resolution is not about any specific option but just asking the administration for a long term solution.
- 5. Sarah Orlor (History) – Motion to close the discussion and open the floor for vote on resolution.
  - a. Alex Howe objects.
- 6. Alex Howe (Treasurer) – Motion to close the discussion and amend the resolution
  - a. Add the word ‘ Only’ before ‘Until’ in the third to last Whereas clause
  - b. Stephen Herman (Philosophy) seconded.
- 7. Alex Howe (Treasurer) – Motion to close amendment and open the floor to vote on resolution
  - a. Sarah Colbert (Information Science & Learning Technologies) seconded.





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8. Katie Steen (Director of National Affairs) – Motion to vote by acclamation
  - a. Chip Smith (Chemistry) seconded.
9. Resolution passes unanimously.

d. Announcements & Upcoming Events

- i. Fall Welcome Party—September 3 from 6:00pm-10:00pm at International Taphouse (ITap)
- ii. Roundtable with Representative Kip Kendrick—October 1 from 12:00pm-2:00pm in the MU Student Center Kansas City/Saint Louis Room

X. Open Forum

- a. Mr. Howe – Faculty Council’s Student Affairs committee will focus on graduate student issues for the duration of this Academic Year. If anyone wants me to pass on anything please email me.
- b. Ms. Steen – We are having an Open Forum on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm in the Leadership auditorium to answer any questions about the Student Representative to the Board of Curators position, application process etc.
- c. Ms. Hallie – Please collect your GPC T-shirts while leaving.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Kristofferson Culmer (Computer Science) – Motion to adjourn
  - i. Rebecca Dickerson (College of Veterinary Medicine) seconded.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7.41pm