



**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2015**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6.05pm
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes adopted with no changes.
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Mr. Howe – Move ‘Proposed Changes to the Travel Award Scoring Criteria’ in New Business below General funding requests.
 - b. Carrie Winship (Theatre): Seconded
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. Ms. Thompson:
 - i. Ms. Thompson is presenting at an International Conference in Australia.
 - b. Ms. Steen
 - i. Legislative Action days in DC – Sept 25th to 29th
 - 1. Six representatives from GPC attended the conference
 - 2. Opportunity to meet with the Missouri Congressional delegation
 - 3. Discussed on domestic revalidation of VISA and open access issues
 - 4. Jesse Kremenak has been working from past two years with Congressman Graves Office for the domestic revalidation of VISA. We are in the final stage of bill being introduced very soon.
 - 5. Other topics discussed were Open Access week, Funding graduate student education and Graduate student loans.
 - ii. Open Access – Week of Oct 19th

1. Panel on Open Access – Ellis room 141, Wed Oct 21st 4-5pm
2. Mr. Schultz, Director of Bond Life Sciences Center will be moderating the panel.

c. Ms. Bauer:

- i. Committee Signup – Internal Committees have vacancies
- ii. One external committee spot left – Mizzou IT Program (Looking for student with IT background)
- iii. We are trying to have more external committees from the Title IX office and Library.
- iv. Insurance Task Force update –
 1. An update was released about a week and half ago. We are continuing to work on solutions for the issue.
 2. Survey kickback – The survey was designed just for us to understand what graduate students need.
 3. The deadline has been changed to November 30th.

d. Mr. Howe

- i. Deadline for submitting travel applications for this round – October 9th
- ii. Student Fee review committee will be meeting tomorrow

e. Mr. Jagini

- i. Sign In
- ii. Student affairs committee will start working on Graduate Students Bill of Rights
 1. Mr. Howe:
 - a. Graduate Student Bill of Rights will talk about academic issue, personal issues, employment issues etc.
 - b. The previous committee has worked a bit on the rights.
 - c. Graduate Student Bill of Rights subcommittee under the GPC Student Affairs committee will meet multiple times



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this semester to wrap it up by the end of this semester.

- f. Ms. Hao
 - i. Picnic update
 - ii. Event Announcements
 - iii. Great Circle
- g. Mr. McCune
 - i. Events in departments for graduate students – Publicity from GPC.
 - ii. Graduate Student Experience Task Force
 - 1. Divided into subcommittees
 - 2. Making recommendations
 - iii. Gradshavedebt2 – National Message Congress Day on October 14th
- h. Ms. Satkowski
 - i. Gradshavedebt2 – National Message Congress Day
 - 1. Rep. Kip Kendrick is working on legislation to create a refinancing program for student debt in Missouri. GPC is working with him.
 - ii. TurboVote!
- V. Liaison Reports
 - a. Mr. Howe:
 - i. BAAC
 - 1. Formed by Chancellor Loftin last year for recommendations on how \$2.2B campus budget should be allocated
 - 2. BAAC has a new graduate student member - Ms. Sheena Rice
 - b. Mr. Culmer
 - i. Collegiate Athletic Committee
 - 1. Update

2. \$10M presented to the University this year
3. Questions:
 - a. Where do the rest of the profits go?
 - i. Ms. Culmer - MU athletics is a self-sustaining authority. The profits go back to their budget for the next year
 - b. Oona Fontanella (LTC) - \$10M earmarked?
 - i. Mr. Culmer – Not that I know of. I think it goes back to the general operating fund
 - c. What percentage of profit is \$10M?
 - i. Mr. Culmer – I can find that for you.
 - ii. Mr. Howe – Their revenue was about \$45M a couple of years ago
 - iii. Mr. Culmer – Their budget for this year was about \$90M.

VI. Special Orders

- a. At-Large Representative Elections
 - i. None

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. General Funding Request
 - i. Background of General Funding request by Alex
 - ii. Association of Black Graduate and Professional Students—Ms. Yoanna McDowell
 1. Ms. Brittani Fults
 2. Event information
 3. Budget information
 4. Mr. Howe: Attendance last year?
 - a. About 100 students
 5. Emily Armbruster (Biochemistry): Expected attendance this year?



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- a. About the same attendance but worst case scenario about 50 -60
6. Finance Committee Recommendations:
 - a. Questions were answered
 - b. Comments from GA:
 - i. There might be more than 100 people
 - ii. This looks like a group event which has a cap of \$250
 - iii. Did they utilize the complete \$400?
 - iv. From GPC's end are there any restrictions based on the budget?
 - v. Is there any problem awarding full amount and then asking them to return?
 - vi. This seems like a worthwhile event to support.
 - vii. This is an opportunity for GPC to stand behind the population that sometimes doesn't get enough support.
 - c. Robert Alex Smith (Special Education) – Motion to close the discussion
 - i. Dalisha Herring (PFP) seconded
 - d. Maria Jones (Biological Sciences) – Motion to increase the funding to full \$600
 - i. John Kennedy (Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering) seconded
 - e. Vote to increase the budget to \$600 passed
 - f. Vote to approve the funding request passed
- iii. Latino/a Graduate Professional Network—Mr. Moisés Aguayo
 1. Event information
 2. Budget information

3. Benefits to graduate students
4. Calli Breil (Journalism) – Why do you have people from community, is the chief guest helping promote the event?
 - a. There is a lot of participating from the community and having the chief guest's name is itself a huge promotion.
5. Oona, How many attendants do you expect?
 - a. We had about 100 people last year and we are expecting more this year.
 - b. Is that your total budget for 100 attendants?
 - i. Yes, this is our budget expecting 100 people.
6. Calli Breil (Journalism) – How did you come up with \$518.50 for the flight?
 - a. The ticket is already booked.
7. Sarah Orlor (History) – Comment: A lot of speakers demand to be flown up to Columbia but this speaker is fine with being driven from St. Louis.
8. Adelaide Akers (Mathematics) – You mentioned this event is open for undergrads too did you talk to undergrad funding?
 - a. Yes, MCC and ORG.
9. Sarah Colbert (Information Science & Learning Technologies) – To clarify, you have already paid and you are asking for reimbursement.
 - a. Yes
10. Finance Committee recommendations
11. Comments from GA
 - a. Who is paying for the other expenses?
 - i. All the details about funding from other sources are in the slides
 - b. Ms. Bauer – Having outside speakers to our university is an amazing opportunity.



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- c. A lot of speakers invited to Mizzou tend to be male, having a women speaker would be good.
 - d. This is a very good event contributing to diversity.
 - e. Dalisha Herring (PFP) – Motion to close discussion
 - i. Robert Alex Smith(Special Education) seconded
 - f. Tina Matin (Physics), Motion to increase funding to \$600.
 - i. Rajesh Gontu (Business Administration) seconded
12. Vote to increase the budget to \$600 passed
13. Vote to approve the funding request passed
- b. Proposed Changes to the Travel Award Scoring Criteria
 - i. Travel awards criteria were designed only to accommodate presentation travel.
 - ii. Should we tweak our current criteria
 - iii. Should we set a pool of money aside
 - iv. From last GA – up to \$2500 approved for non-presentation travel
 - v. Callie Breil (Journalism) – Should we include something that asks the students how you cannot have such networking opportunities outside?
 - vi. Glenn Baker (Psychological Sciences) – About Selectivity and how this can affect the whole travel fund budget.
 - 1. Lot of people apply. We would probably fund 2/3rd's or 3/5th's.
 - vii. Oona Fontanella (LTC) – We need to look more into conferences when students don't go to present and the

purpose behind it. More research by talking to Masters' students and understanding from them is desirable.

- viii. Tina Matin (Physics) – We need numbers to make any decisions
 - ix. Anahita Zare (Chemistry) – I think it would be helpful to know how many students are applying, which departments are helping them with funding etc.
 - 1. Mr. Howe: Our application process collects that information
 - 2. Ms. Bauer: This discussion is only to understand how we could go forward about this. For anything to be changed we will have to change the by-laws which would need the GA approval.
 - x. Glenn Baker (Psychological Sciences) – Are all the awards are for same amount of money.
 - 1. Ms. Bauer: No, it's a tier system.
 - xi. Tipparat Udmuangpia (School of Nursing) – Is this travel fund is for every department?
 - 1. Mr. Howe: It is for all the graduate and professional students.
 - xii. Sarah Orler (History) – When you would you like us to report back to our department about the funding options.
 - 1. Mr. Howe: The sooner would be better because we will be able to collect more data on the applications.
- c. Announcements & Upcoming Events
- i. Grads Have Debt 2! Message Congress Day – Oct 14th (See FB event shared on GPC page)
 - ii. CV Docs – Oct 15, 9am-3pm, Memorial Union, The Eyler Room S110
 - 1. Deadline October 8th.
 - 2. Please email Angela or I if you know any faculty members interested in reviewing CV's.
 - iii. PhD Movie 2 Screening – Oct 16, Lecture 1pm Leadership Auditorium, Movie 4pm Jesse Auditorium
 - 1. Please collect tickets at the end of this meeting if you are interested.



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- iv. Library Open Forum—Oct 27, 5-6:30pm, Ellis Auditorium
 - 1. This forum will be important since there would be a campus wide voting the week next to the forum on Library fee which would not only affect us but also all the incoming graduate and professional students.
- v. GPC Halloween & Costume Party – Oct 30, 7-11pm, Déjà vu
 - 1. 3\$ Cover charge for graduate students and 7\$ for guests.
 - 2. Costume party prizes and comedy night free tickets for costume party participants.

IX. Open Forum

- a. Mr. McCune:
 - i. Attendance is determined by the signatures on the log.
 - ii. Katie will be sending out a qualtrics survey to everyone on the GA with a few questions related to graduate student issues.

X. Adjournment

- a. Sarah Colbert (Information Science & Learning Technologies) – Motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. James Jones seconded.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 7.58pm.