



**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2018**

Agenda

- I. Call Meeting to Order (call to order 6:04 pm)
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Motion to accept without changes: At-Large, second At-Large
 - b. All ayes, 1 abstention, 0 nays
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. First: Theatre, second by soc.
 - b. All ayes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Apologize for missing the listening session (forum), car issues
 - c. Update: Student affairs restructuring (keeling and associates)
 - i. Had their retreat in the beginning of Jan.
 - ii. Developed working groups (4) that will implement the recommendations, concrete ideas, starting to assign folk to each of those groups (GPC, registrar, residence halls, MSA)
 - iii. Student health center challenge had a proposed solution – vice chancellor worked with chief of staff for chancellor, meet with director of student health and individual she reports to, the four of them worked on moving forward with the present issue, student fee review has recommended an outside review committee – solution for the meantime is to produce a student working group – request came to Alex, and he refused.
 - d. Provost search is ongoing
 - e. Program degree task force (without restoring the office of grad. studies to the grad school, there is no way to recoup the tenure track faculty, grad students can't take grad classes with them)
 - i. Be communicating with one another during these changes, if you are concerned about yours, talk to those who are at risk and with those who are not.
 - f. Board of curators meeting that happened last weekend – pressing for the centrality of grad. Students in the university's overall identity – we are an R-1 research institute, we are not advertising our TAs enough.

- i. Board of curators forgot to invite GPC to the specific internal event here on campus – we didn't realize until the day before when we read the schedule and saw we weren't included.
 - ii. There would have been no graduate student presence which would have looked bad in front of the Board of Curators (Jim Spain - soon to be interim provost was in charge)
- g. Treasurer
 - i. Student charge working group – how they can implement new technologies such as tiger cash etc. They want student input and oversight after they figure out the ways they can implement these new technologies. Reach out to Alek if interested.
 - ii. Student Advisory Board – Core 42 changes – administering transfer credits between universities – phone tree at the registrar now. Thinking about changing how transcripts will be received at no additional charge, they turn their servers off on the weekend (off-loading onto a third party). They want student insight, talk to Alek if you're interested in being involved.
 - iii. Travel awards ended on Friday, increase in apps since last cycle. OrgSync has been working very well, they will be sent from the treasury email account. Mileage is reimbursed at 18.5 cents/mile.
- h. Director of Programming
 - i. Party on Friday – great success, great turn out (100-150 people) Thanks for coming!
 - ii. RCAF is coming up March 10th, emails have been sent, find the form on OrgSync. You have to request to join the GPC OrgSync before you can apply.
 - iii. Working with GSA to get a family event set-up for this Spring
 - iv. Title 9 – non-disclosure agreement (can't speak)
- i. Comm.
- j. Director of National Affairs
 - i. Prosper Act – how it would affect grad. and professional students (putting together a video) emails from general assembly about public service load forgiveness, income based repayment or loan caps (if you have stories please reach out)
 - ii. Urged us to keep reaching out to support DACA and the dreamers



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- iii. NAGPS regional conference – In Stillwater, OK March 2nd-4th
– contact Rachel so you can go.

k. Director of State Affairs

- i. Pushing MOST – Hallie and Rachel have met with the Boone County legislation, ASUM is passing our letter of support around the general assembly, and getting more signatures on, also the conservation federation of Missouri in support of this fellowship the director of higher education in in support of it, they are going to the capital to push Rolla’s legislation, have gift fun in office of grad studies, accepting small scale donations.
- ii. Governor’s budget – out entire Boone county legislation is against the budget and spoke out against it and the future for our state. (10% core reduction on top of last year’s budget cuts)
- iii. Alex: they are slightly changing tax, getting push back on their negotiation tactics and their relationship with Jeff City, attempting to attach more precise outcomes onto budget models. Draw direct correlations between budget cuts and how it harms individuals/economy across the state.
- iv. Mun Choi has countered a 10% raise in admission with a 5% that will probably pass.
- v. ASUM – platform of consent is getting a hearing Thursday, moving forward very quickly. More questions reach out to Mike.

V. Committee Reports

a. External Committee Report

- i. Alicia Herring (Parking and Transportation) Parking lot closures: pay attention to parking website, CG7 – next to stadium closed March through the Summer, more added meters and spaces to other parking lots (check website), WC6 is closed for construction of new music building.
- ii. Family – ASM9A – info for Arianna when she goes to meet
- iii. Christina At-Large – Women’s studies – nominate someone that has impacted women – statusofwomen.com – events

VI. Liaison Reports

- a. No reports

VII. Special Orders

- a. At-Large Representative Elections
 - i. No nominations
- b. Special Election: Secretary
 - i. Chemistry seconded Shannon King nomination (Shannon accepted)
 - ii. Arianna Soldati – Seconded by Immediate past president, first by geo. Sciences
 1. Holding election: sergeant at arms move the nominees outside, one at a time, they will give speeches, and the body will vote on ballots.
 - a. Shannon spoke first:
 - i. 3rd year in the department of Biochemistry: a part of 3 labs
 - ii. Has experience being a secretary
 - iii. Experience with organization, harvesting and coordinating people
 - b. Arianna Soldati
 - i. Has been an At-Large rep, and department rep
 - ii. Good understanding of GPC
 - iii. In her last year, she has a lot of time to dedicate to GPC
 - c. Pros only for Arianna:
 - i. Con: she's serving her last year, she's not staying in office for long
 - ii. Pro: serving nature, international student – feels a current lack of international students (underrepresented) – GSA liaison
 - d. Open floor for general comments:
 - i. At-Large Entsminger – grad leadership (Pro-Soldati) understanding of graduate student organizations
 - ii. Question from geography rep: time commitment – Rebekah – Shannon does work in a lab, but it's uncommon that someone isn't busy in their research and



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holds and exec board position (Glenn –
post comps)

1. Geo Sciences: Started Science on
Wheels (organized scientists) she's
kind and has coordinated
2. Entsminger – point of question
with regards to survey, is it ready?
Yes, mental health survey is ready.
3. Personal Finance – move to vote,
immediate past president second
 - a. All ayes, one nay

iii. Arianna Soldati won the election

iv. Ballot will be retained for a time in the
president's office, in the case if someone
wants to challenge the vote.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

- a. Office of the University Registrar Advisory Board Update: 1 to 2
graduate students needed on this committee—Mr. Willsey
 - i. For one or two interested grad students, to be more involved,
reach out to Alek Willsey.
 - ii. Everyone has a sense of humor, not a terrible time.
- b. Mizzou Swing Society Funding Request
 - i. Gave a presentation: 134 members (83 active), requested full
\$600 (cover hourly rates, accommodation for instructors)
 1. \$400 – instructors
 2. \$180 – meals
 - ii. 137 attendees as last years Tiger Town Kick Around Event
 1. Blake – where else are you seeking funds? – From other
organizations
 2. Treasurer – Approved \$600 (conditional) last year we
asked for ticket prices, there was ticket prices, this year
there are no prices on tickets
 3. Immediate past president – funded by Org? Or did you
make those delineations?

4. Jesse – SOAC submitted those requests
 5. IPP – what does recreation center fees? People who work at the center
 6. At-Large – if they can't get the money is the event cancelled? – Highly unlikely, has been done for many years, redundancies to back up project.
 7. Deliberation: \$600 is the max - Glenn
 - a. Point of reference (programming) – multi-day?
Yes
 - b. Treasurer – does it serve the constituencies?
 - i. Physics and Astronomy, computer science
 - c. President to move and fund – second by theater
 - d. All in favor? All ayes, no nays, no abstentions
 - e. Vote: all ayes, no abstentions, no nays
- c. A Resolution to Amend the GPC Constitution and By-Laws 1718-04
- i. Friendly ammendment Glenn – so moved by Treasurer
 - ii. Forgot the meeting? Moved by PFP, treasurer second
 1. All ayes, two nays, three abstentions
 2. Three resolutions a part of this package, a part of the blueprint we passed in 1719-03 laid out how the two organizations would spread out responsibilities
 - a. Changes to constitutions and bylaws
 3. Second two, granted powers to outgoing GSA president
 4. Third, budget concerns which were provided for in the blueprint
 5. Addition of Director of Professional development
 - a. Order of presentation, impact on position, where you are on the website, relevance to it, priority we're giving to professional development, and missed opportunities
 - b. Mirrors constitutional amendment passed by GSA
 6. Bylaws: Taps into vice president officer duties, oversees graduate awards
 7. 4 assistant director positions, one under the VP (chairing academic affairs committee) which is underutilized (GSA) maintained by AD



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8. AD for treasurer, serves for fundraising into a gift account, never more than 2K, petty cash account. Offer \$50 cash prizes or an emergency funding for something.
 - a. Need a gift account
9. Director of professional development: three problematically diverse activities. (first impression workshop, writers room, something else) (ongoing noteworthy programming)
10. Assistant directors, \$100 honorarium, specification about how they will be elected, they will be appointed, voted on by the board, grievance process if unfair
11. AD positions will not confer voting privileges, but they can become at-large or department reps
12. Some changes to the travel awards – specifies the initial criteria would be built by the treasurer etc. etc. can be eligible for multiple awards
 - a. Why are they striked out, had to be removed because they violated out laws
13. All of this and the two other resolutions has been shown to the GSA body, no approval vote was taken, passed their own resolution that they would cease to exist at the end of their academic year.
14. Ammendent by Computer science - Second by ISTL
 - a. Change last resolved clause: “effective” strike through valid and general assembly meeting
15. Comments:
 - a. Call to question PFP, second by sociology
 - i. All ayes, 1 nay, no abstentions
 - ii. Amendment is adopted
 - b. We voted aye to move to a vote
 - i. All ayes.
 - ii. Question – can we insure that the funds
 - c. Call to questions – at-large
 - i. 1 nay, 1 abstention

- ii. Unanimous ayes – resolution 1718-04 is accepted
- d. GSA President Transition Authority Resolution 1718-05
 - i. Entsminger – request to make bigger
 - 1. Forgo the reading – Blake, at-large
 - 2. 2 nays, no abstention – no reading
 - ii. Privileges granted to outgoing president
 - 1. Most interesting – dates, privileges are provoked August 1st, 2019
 - 2. Gives this president the ability to liaison to the next next president. Helps lock in transition provisions and general climate, mission and goals.
 - a. We can send a proxy
 - 3. Theater – call to question, at-large, biochemistry
 - a. 1 nay, 1 abstention
 - b. Vote: unanimous aye vote 1718-05 is adopted
- e. GSA Funding Resolution 1718-06
 - i. Motion to forgo reading, pfp second
 - ii. 5 nays, 1 abstentions, rest ayes
 - iii. Open floor to president – part of package that concerns funding
 - 1. SFRC to raise budget, travel pool and programming might be a bit larger
 - 2. Helps ensure the GAs of the future are living up to the intent of the merger, gives a platform for that
 - iv. Entsminger – friendly amendment – “approve” v. “approved”
 - v. State Affairs – friendly amendment – be it further resolved
 - vi. Treasurer, worth mentioning where the 1% and 1.5% comes from, dollar amounts that were specified in the blueprint, the resolution helps encode that based on rates
 - vii. Blake – friendly amendment, further be
 - viii. Physics and astronomy – funding is decreased for grads since there is no specific wording, travel awards can be given to professional students, could be a concern that grads are getting less
 - 1. Alex, bylaws reference this
 - 2. P & A – treasurer needs to make sure money is being given equally to grads and professional



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- ix. Entsminger – what does “good faith” means? This resolution does not make reference to objective standard of “good faith” without a standard, it could also
 - x. Alex – strike the language, and make an intent clause
 - xi. Alec – Presenting a budget anyway he has to be evaluated by the GA
 - xii. Entsminger – timeliness of this resolution? Does it have to be passed this resolution? Can it be post-poned?
 - 1. Alex: can make a change or post-poned
 - xiii. At-large –
 - xiv. IPP – stated
 - xv. Motion to post-poned physics – entsminger
 - 1. Move to a vote to post-poned: nays have it, 3 abstentions, 9 ayes
 - xvi. GSA liaison – do not set a minimum bar, assumes that future bodies will have the same attitude towards professional development, etc. Good faith effort is embedded. Understands there are concerns. Worth noting that presidents that led this drafting planned alt-ac careers, and that has been the massive platform for this resolution.
 - xvii. At-large – future GA can strike this language, it is not binding
 - xviii. Move to call to question – PFP, at-large biochem
 - xix. 2 nays, 2 abstentions
 - xx. All in favor of passing this resolution – 3 nays, 7 abstentions (passed)
- f. Upcoming Events:
- i. RCAF—March 10th
 - 1. Applications due on February 16th. Link to application: <https://orgsync.com/106229/forms/294571>

X. Open Forum

- a. PFP – vita is in full swing, Tues., Wednesday, Thursday 162 Stanley (Tax prep help)
- b. CGW – meeting next Tuesday night if you were called out in the task force. Switzler 101, to discuss the impacts

- i. CGW GA meeting 10am swallow hall 101, grad employees are invited
 - c. Theater – new place series, doors open at 7 McKey gym, wed. thru Sunday 2:30. At the door is 5 dollars, cash, check, student charge. Plays written by undergrads and grads
 - d. 4f51a Writers Room, \$150 gift card to Mizzou Store, OGS funded.
 - i. Seeking feedback about interest level in a sort of writing retreat 2 or 3 day retreat, dedicated group or drop in format.
 - ii. Graduate faculty senate wants to change name to Graduate Council -> send comments here: sas8k3, GSA@missouri.edu
 - 1. No official graduate council!
- XI. Adjournment (motion to pfp, computer science) (3 nays, no abstentions)