



General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 6.02pm
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes adopted without any changes
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Agenda adopted with changes
 - i. Funding request to be removed since the group has already received the required funding.
- IV. Officer Reports
 - a. Ms. Thompson
 - i. Mizzou 2020 questionnaire update
 - ii. Graduate student housing update
 - iii. Graduate Student Experience Task Force
 1. Assurance from Interim Chancellor about taking recommendations seriously.
 - iv. Mizzou Alumni Association meeting
 1. Ideas for getting graduate students more involved with alumni outreach.
 2. Potential travel funds from alumni association specifically for graduate and professional students
 3. Open for suggestions and ideas
 - v. Transparency in policy changes by administration
 1. Policy changes will be open for public comments.
 - b. Ms. Bauer
 - i. Insurance task force
 1. Final report was sent to Interim Chancellor Hank Foley.
 - ii. Gold Chalk awards & Rollins Society – TAP Day
 - iii. External Committees attendance

1. Committee members are responsible for attendance at the committee meetings and respond to emails from committee
 2. If you cannot attend the meetings because of your schedules, we can switch your committee appointments.
- c. Mr. Howe
- i. NAGPS Legacy Membership
 - ii. SFRC – GPC Presentation
 1. GPC Fee increase
 - iii. Finance Committee
 1. Non Presentation travel update
 - iv. ORG
 - v. Supplemental Fee update
- d. Mr. Jagini
- i. Graduate Student Bill of Rights update
- e. Ms. Hao
- i. Great Circle Gift drive
- f. Mr. McCune
- i. Graduate Student Experience Task Force
 1. All the committees have submitted their reports.
 2. The preliminary report will be ready in two weeks
 - ii. NAGPS Open Positions
- g. Ms. Steen
- i. Gradshavedebt2 call congress day update
 1. 237 phone calls
 - ii. National Affairs committee
 1. Buzzfeed article regarding graduate debts
- h. Ms. Satkowski
- i. Student loan refinancing bill by Rep Kip Kendrick
 1. Loan refinancing can lower interest rates for graduate students
 - ii. TurboVote
 - iii. Local candidates for Missouri office



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1. Potential debate with the candidates at Mizzou

V. Liaison and Committee Reports

- a. Carrie Winship – GSA
 - i. Cycle for travel grant deadline – Dec 30th
 - ii. Information available at gsa.missouri.edu
- b. Saniya Bhusari – Student health advisory committee
 1. GPC's participation on the committee
 2. Referendum coming up in Fall 2016
 3. User fee for every visit
- c. Mr. Howe – SFRC
 - i. Student Health Center
 1. Health Center budget short fall due to hire of new mental health employees
 2. Health center is convinced that user fee is not a good idea
 3. 11\$ increase in student fee was proposed instead of a user fee for every visit.
 - ii. BAAC
- d. Maria Jones, Minority Affairs Committee update
- e. Elizabeth Cosentino-Vonderahe, Campus Safety Committee update

VI. Special Orders

- a. At-Large Representative Elections
 - i. Alex nominates Connor Lewis
 1. Mr. McCune Seconds
 - ii. Katie nominates Sheena Rice
 1. Jordan Hoyt seconds
 - iii. Connor Lewis and Sheena Rice are elected

VII. Old Business

- a. Great Circle Holiday Gift Drive—Ms. Hao
- b. Library Fee Vote and MSA Election—Ms. Bauer

- i. Library fee failed.
- ii. MSA Election winners – Gomez/Hanner

VIII. New Business

a. Consideration of Resolutions

i. Resolution 1516-07: A Resolution in Support of the Effective Diversity of Inclusion Training—Ms. Maria Jones

1. Motion to forego reading of the resolution – Jordan Hoyt, Public Health

a. Connor Lewis, at-large seconds

2. Discussion:

a. Taylor Tutin,MSA : Faculty council would be working on faculty training and they said might be doing one for the students too.

b. Brittani Fults,ABGPS: Is the resolution proposing an idea or supporting the already existing idea

i. Ms. Jones: Its not specifically supporting the idea but a broad support to diversity training.

c. Connor Lewis, at-large – There seems to be an implicit support for Angela Speck’s proposal which puts Graduate TA’s in the front line for the training which is not good for graduate students, and without even having a final document on the proposal it might not be good to support the proposal.

i. Ms. Jones: I have a few edits to the resolution that should address the issue and I’m open to amendments about this.

d. Stephen Herman, at-large: Second resolved clause states that in-person training is suggested. Do you have any emperical evidence that in-person traning is effective vs online training?



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- i. Abott Henderson, Classical Studies:
There is a lot of evidence that people learn better through in-person training compared to online training.
- e. Glenn Baker, Psychological Sciences: Can we specify who will we encourage the administration to put in charge of the training?
 - i. Mr. Howe: I think we better specify who not and how not to put in charge.
 - ii. Connor Lewis, at-large: Previous iterations of this training have put a lot of burden on NTT Faculty, we should keep this in mind when we craft language for who not to put in charge of this training.
- f. Claire Spradling, Medical School: I think we should not demand for in person training but only recommend it because we are not aware of who would be taking care of the training.
 - i. Ms. Jones: According to the proposal, it says the training is planned in person, so we are just supporting it.
 - ii. Mr. McCune: Statement says only suggest and not demand.
- g. Mr. Howe: Amendment to second whereas clause talking about the graduate students who sit on non job search committees.
 - i. Ms. Jones: I'm open to the amendment.
- h. Connor Lewis, at-large: Can we add some language specifying the money for these training should not be an added burden on

the departments but should be coming from the administration.

- i. Ms. Jones: Definitely open to amendments on that.
 - i. Sheena Rice, at-large: Mizzou is going to be at the forefront for these trainings. Grad students should be a part of it.
 - i. Ms. Steen: Joint session resolution from GPC in support of exploration of an Institute for Social Change.
 - ii. Connor Lewis: Comment in support of graduate students participating in such training.
 - j. Glenn Baker, Psychological Sciences: Could you specify more about the undergraduate course we are talking about?
 - i. Ms. Jones: It is just a proposal that is available on the transparency website.
 - k. Stuart Kenderes, Geological Sciences: Comment in support of online training
- ii. Amendments:
 1. Amendments by Ms. Jones
 2. Amendment by Connor Lewis, at-large
 - iii. Motion to end amendments and move to vote by Connor Lewis, at-large
 1. Jordan Hoyt, Public Health seconds
 - iv. Resolution passes
 1. 2 nays
- b. Announcements
 - i. Upcoming RCAF Proposals—Ms. Hao
 1. March 12th, 2016
 2. Traditions lounge 8am to 5pm
 - ii. International Student Information Session—Mr. Jagini
 1. December 3rd, 2015 Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm
 2. Jesse Wrench Auditorium, Memorial Union



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c. Upcoming Events

- i. GPC Winter Welcome, Elm Street Ballroom—Jan 29, 2016 from 7:00pm to 11:00pm

IX. Open Forum

- a. Basketball tickets
- b. Mr. Howe: ORG funding update
- c. Connor Lewis: CGW
- d. Tipparat: National center for faculty development – NCFDD : free membership for Mizzou and Yale – 2015, 2016. membership@facultydevelopment.org

X. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7.40pm