



**General Assembly Meeting  
Tuesday, November 7, 2017**

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**Minutes**

- I. Call Meeting to Order (6:03 pm)
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
  - a. 1 PFP
  - b. 2 immediate past President
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
  - a. 1 ISLT, theatre – add Grace Atkins open and open education resources
    - i. One abstention
  - b. 2 Past President – Move both at large elections to the top of special orders, 2<sup>nd</sup> by English
    - i. Theatre abstains
  - c. Agenda accepted
- IV. Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Student fee referendum (ASUM) and sustainability fee
      1. they did not start today, will be starting a week from now. Sustainability fee is renewed every 4 years
    - ii. Met with Chief of staff and Gary Ward regarding **Student Health Center** issues
      1. Lots of internal progress being made
    - iii. Chancellor's retreat
    - iv. Keeling and Associates
      1. Completed first phase of their work
      2. Will be meeting with
    - v. Mizzou 18
      1. Now available on Alumni Association website, Available til end of November
    - vi. 3MT – 3 students won!
    - vii. Mizzou Welcomes You
      1. International students are invited to join some faculty at their homes during breaks and for holidays
  - b. Vice-President

- i. Chancellor has created new committees
    - 1. Campus climate issues, GPC has 3 representatives (5 total graduate students)
  - ii. Campus wide alert system, mis-information was spun out and confusion on what was really going on. Glenn is currently working with Chief of Staff where we can present information on how this system can be improved.
- c. Treasurer
- i. Travel Awards are done – were figuring out how to make orgsync
    - 1. Would love to hear back on how that application can be improved
    - 2. 94% of all applicants received an award
    - 3. One travel award per year.
  - ii. MSA budget task force
    - 1. Addressing on how to tackle the budget deficit
    - 2. Box office can slightly reduce hours, student legal services can be reduced, student media coordinator position will remain vacant, DSA will move to a more centralized board.
    - 3. Student charge working group
    - 4. SFRC – we requested 3% increase to our fee, roughly 81 cents per person. Giving this to travel awards and data analyst position to oversee data position
- d. Secretary
- e. Director of Programming
- i. Jen Polk visited campus, talked about Alt-Ac on campus and met with a lot of student leaders and admin. Got the ball rolling on more programming for alt-ac here on campus for grad students
  - ii. Great Circle – help underprivileged children for the holiday season – GPC filled almost 30 wish lists and GSA helped fill 10 so we were able to fill 40 total! – Form in Orgsync for how many lists to sign up for.
  - iii. Halloween party – great outcome!
  - iv. Adult Swim – pizza and pool party, help to destress grad students
    - 1. Entire Tiger Grotto, no undergrads will be there at all



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2. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> from 7-11pm (Friday)
  3. Enter thru Truman's pond area
- f. Director of Communication
- i. Goals - making website more useful!
    1. Will add Student health center fee information
    2. Adding comment box! You can voice your questions and comments on the website.
- g. Director of National Affairs
- i.
- h. Director of State Affairs
- i. In DC, talked about FASTR, overall much more positive this year, working on those follow-ups now
  - ii. MOST fellowship – (similar to AAAS) – post and pre doc fellows set to get policy experience in the Science and Technology field.
    1. Developing the fellowship – one year of development and fundraising, opened a gift fund with OGS
- V. Committee Reports
- a. Director of Programming – Started planning for RCAF event next year; Started sending out for first rounds of judges. Actively seeking judges at this time!
  - b. Dalisha Herring – Parking Committee
    - i. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss priority of parking
      1. Issues with AV14 – if you have an issue with parking please email Delicia!
    - ii. National Affairs Committee
      1. Tax cut and jobs act – this bill will count your tuition waivers as taxable income – will consume 25-30% of your stipend
        - a. Eliminates tax credits for grad students
        - b. Lowers amount of support for their employees to continue their education
        - c. Will be presented to senate;
        - d. CALL TO CONGRESS DAY TOMORROW (nov. 8<sup>th</sup>) Call script, please make 3 calls to our

senators to let them know we want to oppose this bill.

- e. Q (Physics and Astronomy) – Smith from SE Missouri – give him a call and he can help

c. Past president

- i. Actively meeting with admin across campus, trying to hit everyone along the way.

d. Title IX committee

- i. Please pass off the title IX training information to everyone for training labeled “not anymore”

e.

VI. Liaison Reports

VII. Special Orders

a. At-Large Representative Elections

- i. Theatre – nominate **Rebecca Holley** from theatre
- ii. GSA – **Senff** from theatre
- iii. English – **Jason Entsminger** (agricultural and applied Econ)– Director of programming 2nds

iv. Voting

1. Rebecca H. – from theatre department;

- a. Past president - Leadership in theatre dept, (2 years) organized and dedicated;

2. Sarah Senff – 5<sup>th</sup> year Phd candidate from theatre;

- a. Current President of GSA
- b. President – valuable for her to have speaking privileges with the GPC/GSA vote
- c. Could she serve as GSA liaison and have speaking privileges – She can have speaking privileges. Would not have voting privileges
- d. PFP – is it a con to have voting privileges if she is also GSA president.

i. English – POI – GSA constitution says President shall serve as the GPC liaison..

ii. Theatre – Motion to bring her back and rescind her self-nomination as at-large (2<sup>nd</sup> by PFP)

1. 2 nays, 1 abstention

iii. Sarah Senff withdraws nomination



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3. VOTE: unanimous aye
4. Jason E
  - a. Past president, sociology – vote because running unopposed.
  - b. VOTE: unanimous
- v. Theatre –
- b. Special election: National Affairs Director
  - i. Nominations
    1. Past president, 2<sup>nd</sup> by English – **Rachel Owen**
  - ii. Speech – served on national affairs committee with Kris and has started to make connections with other universities in the state with our call congress days and other events. Keeping regular contact with our elected senators
  - iii. Vote
    1. Past president – Rachel was rep from GA “under my term as president”- She is very dedicated to the betterment of graduate students on the legislative level
    2. Unanimous aye
- c. Sustainability Fee Referendum—Amy Eultgen
  - i. \$1.12 per student per semester, originally passed in 2009
  - ii. Every 4 years goes under vote, we passed with 84% approval rate, also asked the student body if they wanted to continue voting
  - iii. Moved to next Wednesday
  - iv. Funds?
    1. Bike sharing programs (30 bikes, 12,000 checkouts so far! Bike repair in speakers
    2. Amy’s position
    3. Campus farmers markets
    4. Clothing swaps (free event)
    5. Power plant tours
    6. Questions, Comments, and concerns
      - a. Russian and German Dept. – are you asking us to increase the fee? – no. This fee started at \$1.00

which was a reallocation of funds. 2013 it was voted to \$1.06, now \$1.12.

- b. Amy is here to inform you of the fee!
- c. PFP – is the vote whether or not to keep the fee?
  - i. Ideally we were supposed to approve the fee and do we want to make this fee permanent or keep voting every 4 years (2<sup>nd</sup> may not be on the ballot)
  - ii. This is a renewal vote essentially
- d. Accounting – Why is the entire body being charged whether or not making it a fee for the individual user?
  - i. The bike rental is only part of the \$1.12 fee, not the whole fee.
  - ii. The program was started in 2012 and the bike share is a collaborative program with other unions and wanted to support sustainability on campus
  - iii. GEO – comment– the fee benefits everyone by reducing vehicle traffic on campus!
- d. Great Circle Gift Drive—Maggie Rotts
  - i. Thank you!!!
  - ii. Information
    - 1. 5 locations in MO, 19 other offices in the state as well.
    - 2. Behavioral and Mental Health services
    - 3. Helped 30,000 last year
    - 4. Three main stems
      - a. Foster care case management – case workers take in the children and placing them with the best possible situation for them.
      - b. Specialized education services – children are able to attend the schools they need. If a child is having issues at home, they may be having trouble at school as well.
      - c. 24 hour therapeutic care services – children are able to receive this service at the five locations.
    - 5. Children fill out their wish list with their top 3 items, and all of us adopt that wish list.



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6. Questions
    - a. None
  7. Please sign up your department for a wishlist!!
- e. Open educational resources
- i. Initiative started last week: offers free resources to courses.
  - ii. Recognition opportunities are being worked on. If grads play a big part in this, the incentive program could include grad students in the future.
  - iii. Contact info: follow up with Grace Atkins.
  - iv. “Open”: sharable copywrite materials, restrictions are lifted. Materials less than \$40 for the course.
  - v. Perhaps there were people using this before, but not calling it OER.
  - vi. Grant process: anywhere from \$2000-\$10,000. It’s an application process to incentivize the move to OER.
    1. These grant opportunities are only open to the faculty right now, but Grace believes it is an oversight to do so.
    2. In principle, Grad Student Instructors should be allowed to apply for the grant.
  - vii. Is “effectiveness” a metric for studying this?
    1. Library recommends certain high-quality resources.
    2. Reporting back is part of the metric.
  - viii. At Large: do you work with librarians on this for help with making course curriculum?
    1. Getting that information to Grad Instructors is super helpful. It's an opportunity to work closely with a special interest librarian.
    2. Grace was open to that idea.
- f. Group Funding Request—Mi-STEM Pumpkin Carving Event
- i. Emilia Asante+ Biological Sciences and Treasurer to Mi-STEM.
  - ii. Goal is to bring students together from different departments
  - iii. Starting with STEM for now because that was where it has started. Plan on STEMming out to other departments
  - iv. Anyone in any graduate program is welcome, any department!

1. You may also bring your children along!
- v. Requesting \$250 to help fund events, and consistently hold the events ( 1 being the tie-dye event)
- vi. Questions
  1. PFP – are you asking for funding for the TieDye event or for events in general? – yes and for the pumpkin carving activity.
- vii. Discussion
  1. Theatre – The request is for?
    - a. The \$250 is a max, because the original restriction for STEM students.
    - b. Group funding for all grad students is \$600
    - c. If your event is tied to a specific subset, it's a max of \$250
  2. At-Large – Express concern on behavior on funding requests to resubmit
  3. Russian and German – Is it possible to award them \$100 instead of \$250
    - a. Motion to amend the \$250 (actually \$50) to \$100 (geo sciences 2<sup>nd</sup>)
    - b. Comments – theatre – Motion to amend, German and Russian studies withdraws and changes to \$150 based off of theatre's comments!
    - c. Theatre – This is important for GPC to be fostering the growth of student orgs on campus!
    - d. Physics and Astronomy – will there be a formal request form? – President – We generally can't amend the request amount during the meeting because of the original request that was sent out for the GA meeting.
      - i. At-large – larger concern, now were changing the event were funding and rewarding them for not being clear ahead of time and following procedures.
      - ii. President – Historically, this body has in the past voted to award more than presenters have asked for.





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iii. Public Affairs – Understand concern, but if it was reviewed in time they would have been informed beforehand.

1. Treasurer – the amount of TBD is concerning, we need more specifics on supplies costs

iv. Russian and German – They applied for an event, and the event has passed and Given the importance of what they're doing

v. Past-president – This is a reasonable amount! (\$150)

vi. PFP – Everyone could bring their own t-shirt, current proposal is the \$150.

vii. Vote to vote on the amendment to vote from \$250 to \$150

1. 1 nay, 0 abstentions

viii. Vote on amending

1. 7 nay, 3 abstentions

e. Past president – Amend to \$250 and fully support this organization! – 2<sup>nd</sup> from treasurer

i. President – call to question – 1 abstention

ii. Vote to change requested amount from \$150 to \$250

1. 34 ayes, 12 nays, 4 abstain  
(majority wins)

iii. Move to move to a vote on whether or not to grant Mi-STEM \$250

1. 2 nay, 0 abstain

iv. VOTE

1. 3 nay, 6 abstain, motion passed

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. Resolution 1718-03: Proposal to Unify Graduate Student Association (GSA) and Graduate Professional Council (GPC)

- b. This is a vote on the blue-print of the merging of organizations, not a vote TO merge both organizations.
- c. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the spring semester for both organizations
  - i. Theatre – motion to forgoe the reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> from ISLT
    - 1. 3 nay, 4 abstain
  - ii. Mr. President
  - iii. Past-President – served on both boards; - in favor
  - iv. Ms. Senff – Also in favor – No loss of services or funding from GSA current organization and structure/practices
  - v. Discussion, comments, questions
    - 1. At-Large – wanted to bring up that as we have this debate, keep focused on the fact that this is a decision about the future and positioning grad students for the future. Shared governance model is behind the time – this is a step to the future!
    - 2. Theatre – Is this resolution amendable? – The who whereas clauses are amendable
    - 3. At-large English – If one or two of the assemblies didn't vote on the blue-print; A suggested amendment could be resolved by both boards
    - 4. Comp. Science – This proposal has come up before, this isn't something that spur of the moment was created. This is a big and heavy decision.
    - 5. PFP – Suggestion – motion to postpone this resolution and further discussion to next GA meeting. There is another town hall for more discussion. 2<sup>nd</sup> by comp science
      - a. Discussion on motion
        - i. President – this will cease discussion on this topic for tonight
        - ii. Theatre – in the fact that we are thinking about what this will do for the future – everyone in this room – it is worth for a referendum for graduate and professional students
        - iii. Call to question – comp science
        - iv. Moving to a vote on this proposal
          - 1. 1 nay, 4 abstain



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- v. Move to postpone the resolution and further discussion to December GA meeting

- 1. 33 aye, 10 nay, 4 abstain

- d. Upcoming events

- i. Great Circle Gift Drive—Bring Gifts to December GA meeting!
  - ii. Adult Swim—Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 7-11 p.m. Mizzou Rec Center

- X. Open Forum

- a. At-large – We have another town hall before next GA meeting. We will discuss after meeting about this.
- b. Physics and Astronomy – Call congress question – With tax cuts and job act, is it worth contacting reps in that committee? – YES
  - i. The email will go out to Rolla as well as SEMO
  - ii. NAGPS has also reached out to NEA headquarters in DC
- c. Theatre – MU theatre department productions of “Father comes home from the war” opens tomorrow thru Sunday! Tickets are available, \$16.20
- d. Comp. Sci – plaque to President Howe for Director of Outreach!! Congrats!
- e. Ms. Senff (GSA President)– invitation to come to GSA office hours, we urge you to share your thoughts on the GSA/GPC unification
  - i. Having vote happen with assemblies and all student vote – was brought up.
  - ii. Who is empowered to call for an all student vote – either Alex and MSA or just Alex along with an election committee.
- f. PFP – motion to adjourn
  - i. 1 nay, 1 abstain

- XI. Adjournment (8:23 pm)