



**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, November 10th, 2020**

Agenda

****Minutes****

Zoom Meeting

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. 6:06 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Approved
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Yes
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. At-Large Elections
 - i. No nominations
 - b. Special Guest: Curator Steelman and Curator Wenneker
 - i. What is Mizzou's financial situation?
 - 1. Steelman: Very tight right now
 - 2. Trying to look to the future while addressing issues now
 - 3. Some PhD programs canceled, might see other cancellations / changes later
 - ii. Board of Curators
 - 1. Never had a partisan discussion
 - 2. Very much focused on issues
 - 3. Wenneker: Trying to bring personal perspective
 - a. Not partisan, very collegial
 - 4. Steelman: We should talk to the people we really affect: the students
 - iii. Funding, removal of programs – How is that decision made?
 - 1. Steelman: Goes through deans and admin
 - 2. Still believe in humanities, etc.
 - 3. Goes up through academic affairs committee
 - a. Can we attract the people we want? Can we get the students we want? Can we subsidize everyone?

- iv. COVID-19 – How will Mizzou be responding? What to expect in Spring 2020?
 - 1. Steelman: Impression that some students don't appreciate how seriously admin has taken COVID
 - a. People have worked amazing hours, tremendous effort
 - b. Stats indicate that Mizzou has really done an amazingly successful job
 - c. Only 3 students hospitalized, numbers low, contact tracing, a lot of work on signs and sanitations
 - d. Curators unanimous in wanting to meet in person on campus for instruction with online options
 - e. As far as the future, we have a situation with hospital beds
 - i. We believe we have enough beds in Boone County
 - ii. If things change, then we would be good to go online
 - 2. Wenneker: No students hospitalized, only faculty
- v. Federal care money / State legislature
 - 1. Steelman: I like our relationship with legislature
 - a. No one has had the courage to take one education funding
 - 2. Wenneker: Our Extension, our research farms, those are unique to our system
 - a. Spreading our knowledge to the community
- vi. Motion to extend time 10 minutes made and seconded
 - 1. Approved
- vii. How and why was decision made to make President Choi both Chancellor and President?
 - 1. Wenneker: Lost Chancellor Cartwright just before COVID
 - a. Choi willing to step up and step in
 - b. More constituents thought it was a good decision
 - c. Choi both charismatic and committed
 - d. Not about consolidation of role as much as bringing opportunities to the campus
 - 2. Steelman: Wanted to consolidate those roles for years
 - a. Having a Chancellor and a President is like having two bosses



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- i. Makes things better and more functional
- b. Not consolidation because it needs to change
 - i. Chancellor role more important than President role
 - ii. Let chancellors at different universities have more liberty
 - iii. Most successful universities do it this way
- viii. Rep: Has seen President / Chancellor Choi as a good thing
 - 1. Wenneker: Wouldn't have expected to see him in the Chancellor's role
 - a. He is engaged with students, though
 - b. He is invested in our success, as is the rest of admin
- ix. Vision and goal for the university for next 10 years
 - 1. Wenneker: Want to take it to the next level, want to make it excellent
 - a. Enrollment, diversity, excellence
 - b. Making cuts a part of that
 - c. Love Mizzou
 - d. Even as you see its faults, hope you see the good of it, too
 - 2. Steelman: Being a great university attracts a number of endowments
- x. If you have more questions, we will provide their email addresses so you can contact them directly
 - 1. Wenneker:
 - 2. Steelman:

V. General Orders

- a. Officer Reports
 - i. President
 - 1. University email update proposal – Beth Chancellor
 - a. How long should a graduate student have access to student email after question?
 - b. Policy discussion underway

- c. Let us know if you're interested in learning more and participating
 - 2. Education, culture change, and social distancing subcommittee
 - a. Programming for fall and holiday break
 - 3. University students meeting with Provost and President Choi
 - 4. Spring Break currently remains the same
 - 5. President's Council with Dr. Bill Stackman
 - 6. Intercampus student council – Voting
 - 7. Mental Health resources
 - a. Please let us know if you have any issues with Counseling Center
 - 8. Grad Student Climate Survey
 - a. Please take as soon as possible
- ii. Vice President
- iii. Treasurer
 - 1. \$1300 to October travel cycle applicants
 - 2. Next travel cycle applications due in February
 - a. Be on the lookout for that
- iv. Secretary
- v. Director of Public Relations
 - 1. Graduate / Professional Student highlight campaign
 - a. Now live!
 - b. If you would like to be highlighted, please submit a completed form
 - 2. Also feel free to share any significant updates with us for social media
- vi. Director of Programming
 - 1. 37th Research and Creative Activities Forum
 - 2. Grad students encouraged to attend
- vii. Director of National Affairs
 - 1. Presidential Election
 - a. Betsy Devos will no longer be serving as Secretary of Education
 - 2. International Students
 - a. New proposed rule for fixed time period on student visas



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- i. Comment period is over—32,000 comments given

3. Title IX

- a. Is finally implemented and all rulings are final as of October

- viii. Director of State Affairs

1. ASUM Legislative Interns selected

- a. Largely online, periodic meetings in Jefferson City
- b. New grad student voices at the state capital

2. NAGPC Conference

- a. Molly and Ryleigh attending
- b. Will report back to the GA about it

3. MO-LEG Extraordinary Session

- a. To distribute money across the state
- b. House passed budget for federal CARES funding
 - i. Primary, secondary, higher education
 - ii. Needs to pass in Senate

4. 2020 Election

- a. Voter turnout in Boone County approx.. 70%
- b. Incumbents won across the board
- c. Constitutional amendment 3 passed – undoes a change passed with 62% of vote in 2018
 - i. Returns redistricting responsibility to bipartisan group
- d. Thanks to all who worked, volunteered, served as poll workers on Election Day!

- VI. New Business

- a. GPC Research Award (Director of Professional Development)

- i. See slides for details
- ii. Questions / comments?
 1. Jesse: We may have to amend bylaws to address this change, but it shouldn't be anything major.
 2. Something asked for previously, so we are trying to provide it.

- VII. Announcements & Upcoming Events

- a. None

VIII. Open Forum

- a. Secretary: Reminder of attendance and representative updates (if any)
- b. Psychology: Concern from students about classroom performance, faculty not ending Zoom classes on time, etc.
 - i. Would anyone be interested in receiving survey created by Psych?
- c. Ryleigh: Something interesting to propose to different departments
 - i. Creating surveys to check in on students
- d. Al: Reference to grad student climate survey
 - i. Remember to look at and take survey provided
 - ii. Seconded by Shannon
 - 1. Spent a lot of time creating survey
 - 2. Emphasized by Tori in chat
 - iii. When does survey close?
 - 1. Tori: We can follow up with Dr. Hart and then share with everyone
 - 2. Deadline is December 4th
- e. Al: Regarding committees, would someone be willing to take Al's place on Student Fee Review Committee?
 - i. Please contact Al at the following email address:

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:18