



General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, October 6th, 2020

Agenda

****Minutes****

Zoom Meeting

<https://umsystem.zoom.us/j/94513784271>

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. 6:06 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Yes
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Yes
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. At-Large Elections
 - b. Guest: Dr. Laura Page – Graduate School
 - i. Tomorrow is last day to participate in 3MT competition
 - ii. Graduate Education Week
 - iii. Events highlights
 - iv. Feel free to reach out to Dr. Page
 1. Will continue to add resources
 2. Limited to Zoom
 - v. Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) – Open to anyone
 1. Associate Dean Lissa Behm-Morawitz
 - vi. Grad 9050 (Dr. Page)
 - vii. Questions?
 1. None
 - c. Guest: ASUM
 - i. Not present
- V. General Orders
 - a. Officer Reports
 - i. President
 1. September 27th – Mizzou President Report
 - a. Numbers and housing assistance for quarantine
 2. Tiger Pantry donation of \$20,000
 - ii. Director of Public Relations

1. Halloween Pet Costume Contest
 - a. Deadline: October 23rd
2. This semester we will be launching a new social media campaign to highlight excellent graduate and professional students.
 - a. It will function as a newsletter that we will put out as we receive submissions.
 - b. Submissions through MU Engage
 - i. <https://missouri.campuslabs.com/engage/submitter/form/start/448219>
3. Send us your events
 - a. We want to make sure your events are highlighted
 - b. Please send Shannon links, flyers, etc. of your events so we can share them via our social media platforms
 - c. We want to help you all get more engagement in your events.
- iii. Director of Programming
 1. See Officer Report
- iv. Director of National Affairs
 1. Nothing to report
- v. Director of State Affairs
 1. Voter registration and volunteering as a poll worker
- b. Committee / Liaison Reports
 - i. Al Willsey
 1. Results of student survey
 - ii. Secretary
 1. New committee – Student Concerns and Advocacy
 - a. Notify Bryan if you have any interest in serving on this committee

VI. New Business

- a. Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution Demanding the University of Missouri Reaffirm its Commitment to Graduate Student Workers' First Amendment Rights
 - i. Garren (submitter) offers overview
 - ii. Q&A
 1. Friendly edit made
 2. Al: How Exec Board to work on behalf?



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- a. Speaking on behalf of whole student body
- b. Discussion of word choice – “demand”
3. Garren: Clarifies meaning
4. Casey: Typo noted
 - a. Friendly amendment
5. Ryleigh: Not a fan of “demand”
6. Garren: How about “urge?”
7. Jesse: Motion made to change “demand” to “urge”
 - a. Tori, seconded by Tyler
 - b. Objections raised by Al and others
8. Al: We’re in a position to demand
 - a. Sensitivity is important, but word is not bad / problematic / too strong
9. Natasha: President Choi used “demand,” but why can’t we?
10. Sean: Strong language doesn’t shut door, but may lead to administration to take us seriously
11. Ashley: “Demand” closes potential loophole
12. Tyler: Make a “demand” in kind
 - a. What we trade in is professionalism and credibility
 - b. We don’t want to risk losing any edge we may have
13. Brittany: “Calling for” as alternative
 - a. Middle ground option
14. Shannon: Brittany and Tyler are right
 - a. Formally taking a stance with resolution
 - b. Use softer language with strong stance of resolution
 - c. Language would make a difference
15. Cheyenne: Administration doesn’t have to take it seriously
 - a. Language matters, but we should be assertive in what we want
16. Vote on amendment to language
 - a. Fails 21/19
 - b. Language remains the same
17. Discussion of motion to change “demand” to “call for”

- a. Point of order on Zoom participants function for voting, etc.
 - b. Amanda makes motion, Al seconds
 - 18. Motion to close discussion, seconded
 - 19. Voting on amendment to language
 - a. Passes
 - iii. Discussion on resolution
 - 1. Al: Move to vote, seconded
 - 2. Voting on resolution
 - a. Passes (with two objections)
 - iv. President to carry resolution to administration
- VII. Announcements & Upcoming Events
 - a. None
- VIII. Open Forum
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Travel award applications due Friday
 - ii. Covers registration as well as travel (i.e., registration fees, etc.)
 - b. Molly: Motion for Special Orders for ASUM
 - i. Seconded by Ryleigh
 - ii. Vote to amend agenda
 - 1. Passes
 - c. Danny, Director of Communication, ASUM
 - i. Voter registration
 - ii. Political Education and Advocacy
 - iii. Collaboration
 - iv. Internship opportunity (January-May)
 - v. Q&A
 - 1. Molly: Point of Information
 - a. Have to be a U.S. citizen for internship
 - d. Paul: English students' concerns
 - i. Voted to sign Missouri Coalition for COVID Safety letter
 - 1. Mentioned for GPC consideration
 - e. Recreation Center refunds
 - i. Can go through Disability Services
 - 1. There is a procedure
 - ii. Reapply through Disability Services
 - f. Jesse / Ryleigh: Share information with Bryan to email to GA



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- i. Clarification
 - g. Tori: Spring Break policy feedback
 - i. Scott: Law students not in favor of canceling
 - 1. Mental health break
 - ii. Molly: Echoes Scott's thoughts
 - iii. Tori: Thanksgiving Break, no update
 - 1. Winter Break, possible alternative opposed
 - iv. Ashley: Conference preparation and teaching balance
 - 1. Mental health a concern
 - v. Ryleigh: October 31st faculty meeting
 - 1. Announcement likely to take place at that time
 - vi. Jesse: Feedback deadline
 - 1. Get to Tori as soon as possible
 - vii. Cheyenne: Breaking up Spring Break another way
 - 1. One day a week?
 - 2. Health concerns
 - viii. Liam: Course syllabi and scheduling question
 - ix. Ryleigh: Parents and children
 - 1. Take into account grad student families and finances
 - x. Timothy: Cutting beach trips, etc. is an admirable goal
 - h. Shannon: Please complete attendance form
- IX. Adjournment
- a. 7:26 p.m.
 - b. Next GA meeting: Tuesday, November 10th
 - i. Changed to second Tuesday of November in recognition of Election Day (November 3rd)