



**General Assembly Meeting
Tuesday, March 2nd, 2021**

Agenda

Zoom Meeting

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- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. 6:10 p.m.
- II. Adoption of the Minutes
 - a. Approved
- III. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Approved
- IV. Special Orders
 - a. At-Large Elections
 - i. None
 - b. Executive Board Nominations
 - i. President
 - 1. None
 - ii. Vice President
 - 1. None
 - iii. Treasurer
 - 1. None
 - iv. Secretary
 - 1. None
 - v. Director of Professional Development
 - 1. Ann Obadon
 - vi. Director of Programming
 - 1. Amanda Hoffman
 - vii. Director of Public Relations
 - 1. None
 - viii. Director of National Affairs
 - 1. None
 - ix. Director of State Affairs
 - 1. None
- V. General Orders
 - a. Officer Reports

i. President

1. Shout out to amazing volunteers to participated in insurance discussions in December
2. Graduation update from President Choi
 - a. In person, in Hearnes and Mizzou Arena
 - b. Reviewing cap on those who can attend
3. Intercampus Student Council: MO SGA Conference
4. Mizzou Giving Day Ambassador
 - a. Last day to sign up to volunteer is today
 - b. Bryan to send more information about it
5. Virtual office hours
 - a. Please feel free to schedule meeting with any exec board member
6. Parking discussion at next exec board meeting
 - a. Tuesday (3/9) at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Would love GA input on that conversation
7. Open Forum: Multicultural fee – How do we want to see it spent?
 - a. Please feel free to share in open forum today

ii. Vice President

1. GPC Excellence Awards nominations still open until March 12th
 - a. Self-nominations are allowed
 - b. Everything should be in one document
2. Exec Officer nominations for AY 2021-2022 will be taken at March and April GA meeting
 - a. Elections will be held in April
3. Post-docs are not eligible for GPA travel funding
 - a. Current policy
 - b. Please feel free to discuss in open forum

iii. Treasurer

1. February cycle
 - a. Allocated > \$3500 to 11 applicants from 6 different departments
2. April cycle
 - a. Apps due by April 9th
3. Still money available for support, so please feel free to apply



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- a. If questions about what might qualify about PDTA, please ask
- iv. Secretary
- v. Director of Professional Development
 1. GPC Research Development Award
 - a. Application period closes on March 31st
 - i. See GPC website for details
 2. Writers/Readers Room
 - a. Every Wednesday night from 4:00-7:00 p.m.
 3. GradsWrites is also happening now
- vi. Director of Programming
 1. No report
- vii. Director of Public Relations
 1. Office hours – very flexible, just set up a time
 2. Graduate / Professional Student Highlight campaign
 - a. Now live!
 3. Questions or concerns?
 - a. muoslgpccomms@umsystem.edu
 4. Mizzou Giving Day
 - a. Please help the FAF
 - b. Will post more details along with the minutes
- viii. Director of National Affairs
 1. Reintroduction of the PRO Act
 - a. Expand the definition of what an employee is (think grad students)
 - b. Strengthens the establishment of unions and ability to bargain with employers
 - c. Mizzou isn't taking a stance on whether it likes it or not
 2. House passes \$1.9 trillion COVID relief package
 - a. \$1,400 individuals (same amount for each dependent)
 - b. \$25 billion for assistance in covering rent payments
 - c. \$170 billion for K-12 and Higher Ed
- ix. Director of State Affairs

1. ASUM student advocacy [virtual] days are April 12-16
 - a. Register before March 12th
 - b. Zoom meetings with state legislators and representatives
 - c. Can discuss any number of issues or topics
 - i. Examples: Child care availability, professional licensing / registration, etc.
 - d. Training available beforehand
 - i. Any questions? Ask director of state affairs.
2. Beyond the Vote
 - a. Hosted by ASUM (Associated Students of the University of Missouri)
 - b. Seminar on Thursday, March 4th
 - c. Email at asum@missouri.edu to register
3. HR 856
 - a. Passed committee
 - b. Would suspend tuition increase caps at public institutions for 5 years
 - c. To what degree would this affect grad students earlier in the month?
 - i. Mentions undergrads, but not grad students
 - ii. Would the institution be free to raise grad student tuition?
 - iii. Related to course fee increases
 - iv. Grad school rates are different than undergrad rates, and professional schools (law, business, etc.) are also different
4. April 6th Elections in Boone County, Missouri
 - a. General municipal election
 - b. Last day to register to vote is March 10th
 - c. Molly will be working at a poll somewhere
 - d. Possible to vote by mail / absentee
 - i. Deadline: March 24th

b. Committee / Liaison Reports

- i. None

VI. New Business

- a. Student health insurance
 - i. Tori: Thanks to those who participated in focus groups



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1. Participants should be contacted later this week
 2. Negotiations beginning with insurance companies
 3. Looks like insurance will be increasing less than we thought
 4. Will continue to keep you updated
- ii. Any questions / concerns / feedback?
1. Ryleigh: Feel free to reach out to us directly with more personal stories / experiences
 - a. Molly seconds
 2. Pricing?
 - a. Still ongoing discussion
 - b. Tori: Increasing about 8-10% (as opposed to 20% as originally thought)
 - i. Still early on
 - ii. Will be sure to share info once more is learned
 - c. Increase across the board for grad students
 - i. Might be different for international students
 - d. We have upcoming meeting
 - i. Will share more information at that time
 3. Deductible increases and premium increases
 - a. Tori: Wants to be sure the deductible stays low
 - b. Trying to price shop around
 - i. Best benefits for grad students, for those paying out of pocket, etc.
- b. Library space allocation
- i. Renovations ongoing
 - ii. Windows, locker installments, etc.
 - iii. Archives moving into Ellis Library
 - iv. What kind of needs do you need, would like to see, etc.?
 1. Student with very small department: Poor ILL (interlibrary loan) access
 - a. Would like bigger / better ILL system
 - b. Journal articles – issues with it taking more than a week to receive
 - c. Lack of certain databases
 2. Sean Duan: More access to research librarians virtually would be great

- 3. Ashley Anderson: Study carrells for rent again?
 - a. Jesse: Looking to remove all of that
 - i. Moving a lot to the Depository
 - ii. Replacing with study group rooms
 - iii. Importance of independent study space
 - v. Please share additional feedback with Jesse
- VII. Announcements & Upcoming Events
- a. Keisha: Campus writing program
 - i. Looking for nominations for campus writing board
 - 1. Would love to have grad / professional student perspectives
 - ii. Looking for people to volunteer to review abstracts for Spring Forum
 - iii. Flyer already shared with Shannon
 - 1. To be distributed
- VIII. Open Forum
- a. Molly: Grad student survey from Fall 2020
 - i. Involved campus-wide collaboration
 - ii. Happy to announce that results are now available on Grad School website
 - 1. Very slick, interactive dashboard
 - iii. If you feel like something is lacking, great opportunity to advocate to department the importance of survey participation
 - iv. Thanks to everyone who participated
 - b. Ann: Giving Day
 - i. Consider giving to AFA
 - ii. Able to help students with their needs
 - c. Bryan: Additional plug for those interested in serving on Exec Board to reach out to current exec board members to learn more
 - d. Tori: Multicultural student fee
 - i. Would love to share this idea . . .
 - 1. Think there should be more wellness and maternity rooms on campus
 - 2. Would love to share more information with you about the law school's experience with that
 - ii. Please share your ideas with Tori
 - e. Molly: Stay safe and healthy. Take care of yourselves. Let us know.
 - f. Question about survey: How was the data on "sex" generated for the Grad Student experience survey?



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- i. Molly: Mizzou system does not collect on gender, only on sex
 - 1. On a binary, I believe
 - 2. Sex binary in student information system
 - 3. I believe we decided to ask it for reasons I don't recall
 - 4. Survey limited in that sense
 - 5. Could have been low enough sample size that they eliminated some results
 - 6. Will look into it and follow up on it

IX. Adjournment

- a. 7:07 p.m.