Meeting: General Assembly of the Graduate Student Association
Date: Monday, January 28, 2013
Chairwoman: Lauren Fath, Vice President
Recorder: Jacob Washburn, Secretary
Location: Chamber Auditorium, MU Student Center
Distribution: Posted – http://gsa.missouri.edu/

Officers Present:
Matthew Cook, President
Lauren Fath, Vice President
Jacob Washburn, Secretary
Monica Kearney, Treasurer

Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Vice President Lauren Fath

Approval of Minutes – a motion was made by Jessica Hodgson (English) and seconded by Rachel Bauer (Theater) to approve the minutes from November 27, 2012. Minutes were approved.

Special Speaker
Stephen Dickherber from Teach for America
- Two year teaching commitment usually in an underprivileged school
- Teach for America offers full-time positions, deferment of school loans, and you leave eligible to teach k-8th grade with possibility to teach high school through certifications
- Four events next week to introduce Teach for America
- Those interested signed up to have emails sent to them with further information

Officer introductions

Representative introductions

Beginning of Year survey
- Results will be discussed in the next meeting

Officer Reports
Webmaster
- New Webmaster needed
- It is a paid position
- Contact Executive Board member if interested
Secretary
- Please sign in. The contact list will be updated with new members.
- Email is sent from MU STUDENT LIFE-GSA. Please check your permissions and junk folders to be sure you are receiving these emails.
- Let me know and food allergies, preferences, etc.
Treasure
Travel Grants for Sept 15 – Dec 14 awarded. Given to 18 recipients, average of $158 per grant and a total of $2,850 given out.

Vice President
- Prepare to nominate students and faculty for the awards banquet. The date and place are still being decided. Please let Lauren know of any gift ideas you have for awardees

President
- GFS is the Graduate Faculty Senate. The make the final decision on new courses, changes to degree programs, academic standards, and others.
- GPC is the Graduate Professional Council which represents all graduate and professional students. They are not under the MSA umbrella.
- GSA represents all non-professional school graduate students.

Old Business
Student Health Center Fee
- If you are not a full time student and have not paid the health center fee then your account will be charged a fee for using the health center. However, if you are on the student insurance, that fee will be reimbursed to your student account.

New Business
Mizzou Lip Dub
- Motion to discuss taking part by Sanath Janaka (MMI) second by Amanda Gray (ELPA).
  - Lip Dub is the making of a music video involving MU students. Information is available at www.lipdub.missouri.edu. Mathew said that GSA can provide t-shirts for us to wear during the filming.

  Question (Sanath): Should we get approval from the other students in our departments before voting?

  Answer (Mathew): T-shirts would be provided for GSA Reps only and commitment to participate is from the reps only. Vote was taken and passed with Tom Anderson (Biology) and Kevin Martin (Sociology) abstaining.

Announcements
- Free Tax Preparation
  - International students: http://cashiers.missouri.edu/tax-info/nra.html

Other Announcements
- Weekly family nights at the Student Recreation Center have been reduced in frequency (Mandy Sims)
- February 23rd – Women and Gender Studies Conference (Jessica Hodgson)
Adjournment – motion to adjourn was made by Sanath Janaka (MMI). Seconded by Jessica Hodgson (English)