Meeting: General Council of the Graduate Student Association
Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Chairperson: Gretchen Stricker, Vice President
Recorder: Rachel Bauer
Location: Room 215, Tate Hall
Distribution: Posted – http://gsa.missouri.edu/

Officers Present:
Maxwell Philbrook, President
Gretchen Stricker, Vice President
Rachel Bauer, Secretary
Sarah Lirley McCune, Treasurer
Matt McCune, Public Relations Officer

Call to Order- Meeting called to order by VP Gretchen Stricker at 6:08pm

Approval of Minutes-Gretchen asked for approval of the minutes.
First- Adam Galovan (HDFS)
Second- Kevin Martin (Sociology)

Approval of Agenda
First- Matt McCune (PR Officer)
Second-Chris Deutsch (History)

- Officer Reports
  - Public Relations Officer
    - Like our Facebook page!
    - Updates to GSA website.
      - Updates to Travel Grant App and FAQ Page have been done.
      - Travel Grants can no longer be delivered to Jesse 210
        - 265 McReynolds Hall
      - Our new website will be built sometime this summer.
      - Travel Grants and other links are now on the bottom of the GSA temporary webpage.
    - All important documents are now available on the temporary website.
  - ASUM Issues Platform Survey
    - ASUM is a student lobby organization.
    - Every year they put out this survey about student and campus concerns.
    - We DO need grad students to take this survey
    - This survey will be sent out through email.
  - Secretary
    - Please sign in and get a name badge
    - Do you know anyone who should be on GSA?
    - Please let me know when you have elected a new Representative for next year.
  - Treasurer
    - Update on travel grant awards, Cycle I
      - GSA Awarded 12 travel grants--9 for presenters and 3 for professional development.
      - GSA awarded a total of $2060, with an average of $171.67 per person.
$300 of this was for professional development, while $1760 was for presenters.

We awarded grants to everyone who submitted a complete application.

- Submit applications for upcoming travel grant Cycle II
  - For travel occurring from March 15 to June 15.
  - Deadline is June 30 by 5pm
  - New Location of Grad School: Room 265 McReynolds Hall
    - I am happy to look over apps if they are received a week in advance. Please email me, and I will look it over for missing materials.
    - Maxwell (President)-We did not reach our travel grant budget, so please let people in your departments know that we have money to give
    - Matt (PR Officer)-You can apply as much as you want for GSA. There are no restrictions.

- Vice President
  - Awards Banquet Update!
    - Banquet went well and was well attended.
    - We only spent half of last year’s budget.
    - Thank you all for nominating people!
    - We have begun working on documents to make next year’s banquet go much easier.

- Spring Picnic!
  - Saturday, May 3, 2014
  - This weekend! I have flyers right here.
  - Bring a canned food item!
    - It is also a food drive for Tiger Pantry
    - Like in the past, it will be a competition. The department who brings the most donations will receive a gift card to Sparky’s.
    - Please note! Someone from your department needs to be represented at the picnic to win.
    - Maxwell (President)-Who is invited?
    - Gretchen (Vice President)-All Graduate Students are welcome!
    - There is also a Facebook event. Bring games and sporting things if you want. There is a playground right next to our pavilion. Hotdogs, Hamburgers, veggie options will be available. We will have S’mores for dessert.

- President
  - Updates on Taskforce to Reallocate the Functions of the Graduate School.
    - First meeting was Thursday, April 24, 2014
    - Weekly meetings will follow.
      - There is representation from the Graduate Student body, and Dean Rubin is heading it. She is moving into a new position in The Office of Research and Graduate Studies. There are Deans, DGSs, Faculty Senate members, and Grad Faculty. We have been asked to solicit the functions of the graduate school.

- Final Draft of the Writing Support Survey
  - Survey Monkey will be distributed
    - However we will TABLE UNTIL SUMMER.
It is something I care about, and something I told you I would do.

State of GSA Address
- Summer-We are working on as Exec Board will still look for ways to continue the growth of GSA. We function best as a communicative device. The best we will run with more people. We are taking a look at our constitution. We want the GSA name to matter and carry weight around here. We will also reinstate some programs.
- We will continue to find ways we can support and work with GPC. Working with them this semester is the way to go, and we want to keep developing that relationship.
- We want to keep funding graduate students and their research trips. That is why we have cut the banquet budget in half.
- We would love to get your input.
- Thank you all for your hard work and passion. This only works when people take time out of studies and work to join us.
- Please help your new reps transition into position. We want to keep building.

Old Business
- We will send out a Google map to Picnic Daycare Survey
  - The Deadline is April 30, 2014
  - We have put on our Facebook page and emailed it to the distribution list. Since the Deadline is tomorrow, the professor doing survey will be talking to the Chancellor the following day.
  - Anybody who has plans to have children needs to take survey.
  - You will find the link in those locations.
  - Matt is sending another email after the meeting.
- GPC does have resolution about Student Parent Center and for Housing.
- Resolution of Student Fees. GPC Resolution says that they want to have Colleges have a bylaw that says that fees have to be reviewed by the students.
- Call Congress Day: Grads Have Debut 2
  - Over 200 calls at Mizzou. However, nationwide it was not as good.
  - NAGPS will hold a conference here next year due to this campaign.

New Business
- How are you elected in your departments?
  - The next meeting is August 26, 2014 at 6:00pm.
  - Chris Deutsch (History)-HGSA has an informal election with our department. This year we did it with an online survey. It is associate with the VP position.
  - Melanie Pavao (English)-EGSA does the same thing but we have a nomination period.
  - Kevin Martin (Sociology)-SGSA took over all elections in the department. The VP runs elections through ballotbox.com. There is a nomination period and everyone notes.
  - Heather Smith (Art His and Arch.)- AHAGSA only has 16 students. We say who wants to do it at a pizza banquet.
  - Nalinda Wasala (MMI)-We don’t have a formal way of doing it. The DGS sent out email and asked for a volunteer.
- Sanchita Gargya (Psychology)-GASS- There is a rep for GSA and GPC. We have a nomination period and a vote.
- Matt (PR Officer)-GSA and GPC both are looking into awarding points for reps who are in good standing. If you don’t come to meeting, no one will get those points.

**Survey:** How can we improve?
- Keep an eye for an email!
- It hasn’t been made yet, but it will be a survey on your thoughts on GSA. You can include issues we are not addressing, and how we can better communication GSA issue.

- Maxwell (President)-I received an email from Robin Yim
  - His department gives a tuition waiver and funding for Grads (.25).
  - Anthro wants to give the tuition waiver and assistantship to as many as possible. They want to limit who can work outside the department.
  - Do you departments limit where you can work at the University?
    - Kevin Martin (Sociology)-We tend to have people who work with athletes, and our grads have been told that we will no longer be able to have both. No one is allowed to do anything else on top of their assistantship.

**Announcements**
- Announcements from General Council
- Thank you for a wonderful semester!

**Adjournment**
  - First- Matt McCune (PR Officer)
  - Second- Nalinda Wasala (MMI)