Meeting: General Council of the Graduate Student Association  
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014  
Chairperson: Gretchen Stricker, Vice President  
Recorder: Rachel Bauer  
Location: Leadership Auditorium – MU Student center  
Distribution: Posted – gsa.missouri.edu/

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

Call to Order- Meeting called to order by VP Gretchen Stricker at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes- Gretchen asked for approval of the minutes.  
First-Gary Glass (Rural Sociology)  
Second-Robin Yim (Anthropology)

Introduction to GSA  
- Who are we?  
  - Maxwell Philbrook (President) gives intro to what it means to be a GSA representative.  
  - GSA will send out copy of Constitution to all representatives.  
- Responsibilities of a GSA Representative:  
  - Come to meetings (get dinner)  
  - Bring positive news/ announcements about your department  
  - Spread the word about our meetings and what GSA is up to.  
  - Maxwell (Pres.)-Welcome and thank you for your service!

Officer Reports  
Public Relations Officer (Matt McCune)  
- Like our Facebook page!  
  - Invite your friends even when they aren’t in GSA!  
- The current GSA webpage is under development. There was some miscommunication about when the new site would be finished and who would be working on it.

Secretary (Rachel Bauer)  
- Expanding Representation- We will be working through the semester to expand our representation. If you know a department or group that needs representation, please email GSA.  
  - GSA@missouri.edu

Treasurer (Monica Kearney)  
- Update on travel grant awards, Cycle IV  
- Please submit applications for upcoming travel grant Cycle I for travel occurring from December 15 to March 14.
Deadline is March 30. Since the deadline falls on a weekend, the deadline is extended to the following business day (Monday, March 31) by 5 pm.

Vice President (Gretchen Stricker)
- Parliamentary Procedure update
  - This is a way to have meetings run more smoothly.
  - Brief review of Roberts Rules.
  - This information is also available on www.robertsrules.org.
- GSA Awards Overview
  - We need people to apply for the awards
  - Gretchen (Vice president) will send out list of awards
  - Each department will nominate an individual to receive an award.

President (Maxwell Philbrook)
- Graduate Writing Center/ Support
  - Does the council have feedback about support you have gotten or support that is available for you in your department?
    - Do we need courses? Tutoring? Other support?
  - Anything to bring to monthly meeting with Dean Rubin
    - Maxwell (President) –I meet with her once a month. I will bring stuff we discuss at this meeting to my meeting with her.
    - The 28 hour rule-We must work less than an average of 28 per week.

Old Business
- Update on TOEFL requirements
  - Mizzou has lowest TOEFL requirement in the SEC.
  - Discussion about this is happening at the University
    - A committee was created to discuss this topic.
  - If you are interested in serving on University wide committee, we will help you get plugged in.
- Update on housing for Graduate Students
  - We are waiting on Residential Life, and they are putting together packet of the graduate housing in the area.
- Grad School has a graduate support staff recognition award.
  - We can nominate an individual as an organization for this award. They will receive a plaque and thank you breakfast
  - We will solicit those nominations through email.
- GFS Meeting was today (Tuesday Jan 28, 2014)
  - Talked about programs added to the University
  - Approved 16 year rule petition. Grad students don’t have to have a four (4) year degree anymore. Grad school and individual departments will research three (3) year schools and admit students on a case by case basis.
  - Enhancing Fiscal education
    - There will be survey later this semester to see how much you know about your finances.
  - Any professor from the MU System can now serve on grad committees.
  - Grad School is moving to McReynolds Hall while renovations are happening to Jesse Hall.
  - The Grad School will be splitting graduation: Sunday May 18.
    - PhD students will graduate first, followed by Masters at a later hour.
- New Programs approved:
  - Nursing Minor
  - Minor in Health Systems Innovation
  - Working on online certificate in Sustainable Energy
- Committees for Spring 2014
  - Please join a committee

**New Business**
- Ask General Council for New Business
  - Kevin Martin (Sociology)- We should establish committee to deal with graduate student housing. Anyone who lives in graduate housing is controlled by RHA rules and regulations, with only a few minor rule changes. However, we have no representation on RHA board.
  - Maxwell (President)- Move to make Kevin chair of Housing Committee

**Announcements**
- Announcements from General Council
  - 18th/19th century Student group is offering a writing group workshop with English department.
    - Thursday at 3pm in Tate 114 D
  - Medieval Symposium and Conference: Global Middle ages
    - Saturday, Feb 21.
    - Will give more info to be distributed
  - GPC Professional Development tomorrow night 7pm.
    - Look for their email
  - Next GSA meeting will be February 25, 2014 at 6pm in Tate Hall, room 215.

**Adjournment**
  Motion to Adjourn-
  Heather Smith (Art His and Arc.)
  Second-Kevin Martin (Sociology)
  The motion is so passed