GSA Meeting Minutes
September 29th, 2015
Meeting: 6:15 pm
102 Tate Hall.

I. Call to Order – Angela Uriyo 6:30Pm
II. Approval of August Minutes – Not yet approved as many new reps were not in the last meeting. Meeting report to be sent out – again.
III. Co-chairs of Graduate Student Experience (GSE) Task Force – Dr. Kitchel & Dr. Perry.

Dr. Kitchel & Dr. Perry (Co-Chairs GSE) – GSE Task Force handles issues concerning grad students in their respective departments. GSE was started in the Spring semester, and started meeting in May 2015. It encompasses a slot of things relating to grad students. A committee was appointed by Dr. Rubin and The Chancellor. The task force meets every two weeks on Thursdays. The GSE task force is broken into 4 committees, these committees are on the website (https://gradstudies.missouri.edu/about/news-events/news-features/2015/graduate-student-experience-task-force/). Committees are charged to come up with over-arching recommendations on grad student issues like stipends, housing, teaching and mentorship, academic experiences of grad students etc. With each recommendation there will be targeted recommendations for different sub-units and departments on how they can contribute to the grad student experience mandate. The GSE is also tasked with building a case around those recommendations looking at best practices and institutional data and so forth. Contact Email address for further enquiries: kitcheltj@missouri.edu

Q&A Session:

Q: Anahita Zare (Chemistry) – who do those recommendations go to?
A: Dr. Kitchel – the recommendations go to the university administration.
Q: Connor Lewis (History): Will there be an increase in departmental resources to reflect increase in general stipends, are the stipends levels posted somewhere?
A: Dr. Kitchel: Not sure.
Q: Eric Scott (English) - What is the timeline for delivery of recommendations
A: Dr. Kitchel: By the end of this semester.
Anonymous: What is the appointment process of 3 new students to the task force?
Dr. Kitchel: There are student reps on the task force, we will reach out to three other students to join the force.
Q: Anonymous - What data are they looking at?
A: Dr. Perry: What data are we not looking at? We are considering just about everything, global data, university data, other trends etc.
Q: Luke Russel (HDFS) – Based on the task force, will the data be coming from Mizzou students, and is this data coming from task force committee student reps or from broad sources?
A: Dr. Perry - The members of the task force have been asked questions, several students have been surveyed on quality of life issues and these data is being looked at, from several other such surveys on campus.

Q: Connor Lewis (History) – You mentioned ‘targeted increases’, what’s being targeted as regards stipend, when it comes to stipends, will this recommendation be ultimately handled by the chancellor and university admin.

A: Dr. Kitchel - we will have specifics but not in terms of financial dollars. That decision comes from above, there is so much going on we are trying to sort through.

Q: Anon - Is there any idea on next steps after recommendation?

A: Dr. Kitchel - I have no idea, I can say this, based on the task force recommendations, some of the issues like stipends and housing are already being looked at right now based on current issues and happenings, but for other matters, we will talk with other staff and figure out ways to deal with them. Some recommendations will go to different groups like GPC and GSA and Division of Student Affairs and this will be far reaching.

Q: Anon - If the chancellor says no to any recommendations, will there be any reevaluations?

A: Dr. Perry - Not sure he’s going to, he is going to take those recommendations and figure out what parts of the university can handle now, and where he wants to starts dealing with issues from.

Q: Connor Lewis (History) - What is happening on waivers?

A: Dr. Kitchel - we were just briefed on that, the task force may make recommendations relative to those policies and that may come out of this. Dr. Perry - we are not the decision maker, we just make recommendations, what the decision makers decide to do is totally up to them. From experience, some of this recommendations will be put into policies and others will be sent in to other committees to better choose how they will implement it.

Q: Michelle Livek (LTC): Have the recommendations been decided on, how do you frame them i.e. economically, anecdotally?

A: Dr. Kitchel: The task force will consider those recommendations, and it will look into all those kinds of recommendations. Dr. Perry: We are trying as best we can to meet recommendations, we are trying to connect them with what the campus has already said they will be working on, if we can take some aspects that fit in with their general plans, then we have a better chance of connecting things together. We are trying to get as close to that as we can. End of Q&A.

IV. Exec Board Reports (if any)

- **Carrie Winship (Treasurer):**
  - Grant cycle report and budget
    - Full report attached.
  - Travel grants, upcoming cycle.
  - Projected 2015-2016 budget

- **Angela Uriyo (GSA VP):**
  - Upcoming Events
    - GSA Speed Networking – 6-8pm October 30th, 2015
    - CV DOCs - Thursday, Oct 15, 9-3pm Memorial Union Eyler Room S110
    - GPC and GSA Picnic coming up October 2nd, 4-7PM
Kenneth Bryrant Jr (GSA President):
- Welcome to new reps/GSA Rep Roles and responsibility doc was sent out to outline specific duties of designated reps.
- Call to reps to serve as liaison to and from departments.
- GSA along with the GFS is working on an official grievance process to file complaints anonymously or otherwise, to have those addressed by Dr. Kitchel’s office.
- Attendance in General Council meetings is essential.
- Call for committee membership’s enrollment to all committees:
  1. Membership (for holistic GSA representation of all eligible departments).
  2. Fiscal (major task on travel grants and fiscal budgeting from GSA)
  3. Events (for event coordination and allied matters).
  4. Constitution (long term goal is to update GSA constitution, the immediate concerns include: The cycle of the officer elections, finance cycle sync with officer election cycle etc.)
  5. Public Relation/Publicity.
- Sexual Violence and Campus Climate Prevention (SVCCP) task force.
  - The SVCCP task force, is a valuable and an important resource. Poised to convene focus groups for intervention services, engage sub-committees, develop action plans and campus climate reports relating to Title IX issues and so forth. Kenneth B. Jr (President) and Angela Uriyo (VP) met with Title IX Administrator, Ellen Eardley. She is looking to put together a task force made of interest parties with expertise on gender bias, discrimination etc. GSA to come up with four names. There will be grad student representation as they have very unique issues relating to Title XI issues. Call to interested members or nominations to the task force.

Q: Anahita Zare (Chemistry) – Are undergrads on this task force? And how many
A: Ken – Yes, groups include: Faculty, RSVP, Title IX, SA, LGBTQ, MSA, LBC, GPC, Res Life, Faculty council, community folks on committee. So yes. To send out Title IX flyer, by next week Friday as date for convening of committee.

- Call for GSA GA Committee enrollment.
- AOB.

V. Old Business.
- Eric Scott & Anahita Zare– Invitation to FGR meeting 9/30 at 5-7pm Keller auditorium, open-forum on grad rights.
- Mizzou Collaborative, i.e. Social Justice Collaborative forum.

VI. New Business/General Council Reports
VII. Announcements
- Based on rep call, flyers will be posted on GSA website.

VIII. Adjournment -- motion to adjourn by Angela Uriyo (VP)