Graduate Student Association
Meeting Notes
December 2010

1. Social Chair Report
   a. Bake Off tomorrow!
   b. Reps to send out GRS abstract submission reminders on Thurs.

2. VP Report
   a. Grad portfolio
      i. An online worksheet may be possible to create next semester
      ii. Next portfolio submission in the spring
      iii. Reps: remind people who got travel funding to submit their activity to the portfolio
      iv. Portfolio Budget
          1. Unspent money could go towards conference funding
   b. Health Insurance issue
      i. Looking into coverage for grad students
         1. Current plan geared toward undergrads
      ii. Problems:
          1. During breaks (winter/summer) there are problems with grad coverage
             a. Unable to refill prescriptions at pharmacy
             b. Unable to get emergency treatment
             c. Unable to make appointments/ referrals with outside doctors
          2. Payments due before grads get their stipend payments
          3. Visa credit cards not accepted as payment
      iii. Megan Ivory to talk with liaison between students and health center/insurance company
      iv. Would an info session about health insurance for grads be useful?

3. Budget Report
   a. Katie Ballard’s prepared budget discussed
   b. Suggestions to inflate amounts needed

4. Secretary Report
   a. None

5. Senate Rep Report
   a. There is a Grad Council Facebook page to use for posting GSA events

6. Constitution Amendments Voting
   a. All pass unanimously
7. Other Business
   a. Need to replace treasurer in January
      i. Reps: please let an executive board member know if you wish to run by the end of January at the latest.
   b. Election of new Parliamentarian
      i. Hold off until next general election
      ii. Spot vacant this spring
   c. Website for travel funding
      i. Problem with wording of how often people can apply
         1. Once per academic year or once per calendar year
         2. Decision: meaning to be once per academic year
            a. Those applying more than once per academic year is an honor code issue
               i. Unless this becomes abused it will not be tracked by the GSA
                  1. Motioned, second, passed
   d. Teaching award
      i. GSA top 3 recommendations needed by the OGSR
      ii. Meeting members decided on 3 nominees to pass to the OGSR after discussion