

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