

**AGENDA**  
**Graduate Student Association Meeting**  
**2007-2008 Academic Year**  
**Monday, November 26, 2007**

1) Old Business

- a) Grievance over GSA's position on the childcare initiative
  - (1) GSA made a "formal" commitment to the cause with the letter drafted to the administration

Letter has been sent out.

2) New Business

- a) Health Insurance Informational Video
  - (1) Met with the HR Department
    - (a) They have started creating the script for our video project

Going to be a 14 minute video. Trying to get Mitch Keller, only student on the state-wide committee and assistant director of the Health Center involved.

- (b) The expected deadline for the script is by mid December
    - (2) We are planning to start filming in January
  - b) Expansion of Childcare Facilities
    - (1) Wesley Burnett is going to be at the first feedback meeting on Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am

Wesley has been asked to sit on a committee regarding this. Input is also being sought from some of the original members of the Campus Coalition.

- (2) Look for information about the meeting on my blog site at <http://www.gsainfo.blogspot.com/>

Wesley will keep the GSA updated.

- c) Georgia Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference
        - (1) The title this year will be "Constructing an Interdisciplinary Community of Young Scholars"

(2) We have tentatively set the date for March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

Dates have not been set in stone. These are subject to change.

(3) Call for papers will go out on December 7<sup>th</sup>

Please remind your departments about this.

(4) Deadline for submittal will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008

(5) We have invited Dean Maureen Grasso (Graduate School) to be the keynote speaker this year—still awaiting a response

(6) We are also discussing have a panel discussion about Graduate Education and offering workshops at the conference provided by the Graduate School

Hoping to get someone high in administration to participate.

Asked Dr. Judy Milton to give a professional workshop at the conference.

d) Student Mandatory Fee Committee

(1) A student panel made up of two undergraduate representatives and I voted to increase student fees by \$24.00, which represents a 4.3% increase of this year

(2) Our input will go in front of the President who will ultimately decide how much of an increase to present to the Board of Regents

Forty dollars was requested, the panel only recommended twenty-four.

e) Matt Gore

(1) Executive Committee update

Very faculty-focused strategy. Voted not to have meeting in January.

f) Listserv policy

Problems arose earlier in the semester when an email was passed on via the listserv that many thought was not listserv material. It was a posting for a

tutorial from another administrator. Consequently, the following changes are proposed:

(1) The website currently has the following statement on the website in regards to the listserv:

“By subscribing to our low-traffic e-mail listserv, you will get news and updates on UGA graduate student issues, GSA socials, and many other interesting events.”

Based upon feedback from the last meeting I propose the following amendment:

“By subscribing to our low-traffic e-mail listserv, you will get news and updates on UGA graduate student issues, *University-wide announcements, Graduate School announcements*, GSA socials, and many other interesting *GSA* events.

(2) Additionally the following disclaimer would be added:

**Please note: Due to the large number of requests GSA receives to place announcements on the listserv, any announcement that does not pertain to graduate school issues, University-wide or Graduate School announcements, or GSA related announcements will be placed in the weekly "Marketplace" emails. This policy is put in place to ensure that our general listserv remains a low-traffic email list.**

**The President retains the right to decide at her/his discretion what material (outside of the weekly "Marketplace" emails) is to be sent out via the listserv. If a person believes that the President has erred in judgment by not agreeing to place an announcement on the listserv he or she can challenge the decision at the next monthly GSA meeting.**

**If you have any questions about this policy please send an email to [gsa@uga.edu](mailto:gsa@uga.edu).**

GSA decided to implement a second email designated for announcements—it may be weekly or biweekly depending on the demand. Would fall under President's discretion for decision-making about the repetition of emails.

Wesley will create a separate “weekly as needed email listserv” dedicated to GSA announcements.

Graduate Students would like the GSA to cut down on

g) End of the semester social

Problems with scheduling, specifically conflicts with final exams. Matt is looking for suggestions or ideas on making this work.

Suggestion of merging GSA social with Grady's social on evening of December 7, 2007.

Wesley wants to have a separate event, perhaps the last days of classes. This would be on December 14, 2007. The event was unfortunately canceled opting instead to do a party at the beginning of next semester.

h) The Services committee needs to also discuss a service project for the Spring 2008 Semester

Matt will speak with his committee about a service project for the Spring. This might involve The Triple-Play Foundation. They do athletic fundraising for local kids.

#### 5) Future Events

a) GSA Meeting – Monday, January 28, 2008, 6:30 p.m., SLC Room to be announced after December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Happy holidays and good luck on finals.