

MINUTES
Graduate Student Association Meeting
2006-2007 Academic Year
November 27, 2005

- I. Welcome
 - A. Introductions
 - 13 members present plus the GSA President and Vice president
 - B. Blog (www.ugagsa.blogspot.com)
 - There are a few entries on the Presidents Blog. Keep checking form more and contact Lindsey if you are interested in guest blogging.

- II. Faculty Status
 - A. Graduate Council has yet to approve
 - approval is expected at the next graduate council meeting

- III. Admissions Policies
 - A. Texas Selected Admissions (see hand-out)
 - A copy of the U. Texas, Washington State, UNC-C, and UNH admissions policies were handed out. UGA is considering adopting something similar to the UT policy. send any comments you may have to Lindsey.

- IV. Graduate School Fundraising
 - A. Dean Grasso's 10 in 10 goal
 - Dean Grasso has launched a campaign to raise \$10,000,000 by 2010. This money would be directly spent on graduate students (assitantships, travel grants, etc.)
 - B. 100 year anniversary celebration
 - Dean Grasso is looking for celebration suggestions for the 100 year anniversary of the UGA Graduate School, which is in 2010. Bring your ideas to Lindsey.

- V. Graduation
 - A. Student Speaker
 - A student approached Lindsey about having a student speaker for the graduate school graduation ceremony. Do you think this is worthwhile? Send comment sot Lindsey.

VI. E-mail Policy

A. Graduate School now only taking e-mails from students

The Graduate School is no longer taking phone calls from students or department secretaries. If you have a question you must email it to the graduate school. Apparently they are getting too many calls and want a written record of the transactions. Dean Grasso's phone number is still on the grad school web site if you need to call. Also, you can still walk over to Boyd Hall.

VII. GGSIC

A. Key Note Speaker ideas

We need ideas for the Keynote speaker at the GGSIC. One idea is to have a panel of somewhat local speakers to talk and discuss on an interdisciplinary topic.

B. Theme

In order to increase attendance at GGSIC talks should we have theme sessions? They would be broad themes like quantitative methods, etc. that will allow talks from disparate fields to be in the same session but with enough of a link that audience members will want to sit through a whole session.

VIII. Future Events

A. End of Year Social, December 6th.

At Allgood Lounge, 135 E. Clayton St. \$1 off drinks from 8pm to 10pm.

B. GSA Breakfast, December 12th.

GSA will have free bagels and coffee on the Tuesday of finals week at the SLC. Come enjoy breakfast on GSA.

C. Next GSA Meeting, January, 29th.