Graduate Student Association Meeting Minutes November 7, 2011

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
   b. Vice President for President
      i. CEER Conference website is online. Announcement that registration is open and to let people know they can sign up.
      ii. NAGPS Conference
         1. Joined NAGPS and Zach Aman was elected Regional Chair for the West
         2. Zach would like to institute a large survey on the graduate education atmosphere in the western region
         3. Next year Zach plans to run for President of NAGPS and Nikko Collida would like to run for Director of Finance
         4. Two positions for the Western region are open to fill that Zach can appoint (Director of Communication and Director of International Concerns)
         5. A Western regional conference will be held April 22-23 in Flagstaff, Arizona
   c. Academic Chair
      i. LyX workshop went well, another one will be held at the beginning of next semester
      ii. Looking for ideas for other workshops
   d. Social Chairs
      i. The fall social event (Foothills Art Center) was $1500 and there are $500 left for social events
      ii. Departmental events have up to $500 for the year
      iii. Alcohol permits are required and bartender/ID checks must be hired through Sodexo
      iv. Only some buildings permit alcohol
      v. If contacts are required then they need to go through Karren Murray in purchasing
      vi. One of the social chairs is graduating, so if you know anyone that is interested in the position please let them know the position will be open shortly

II. Department Representative Reports

III. Committee Reports
   a. Graduate Council
      i. Rights and Responsibilities document was approved by Graduate Council
      ii. The R&R document will go to the Faculty Senate tomorrow
      iii. Graduate Council would like to have a Word template for the thesis. It should be reiterated that the Latex template is an unofficial template. If there is a student that would like to volunteer to create and upkeep a Word template, that can be uploaded alongside the Latex template.
      iv. Graduate Office may make it easier to convert papers into a thesis

IV. Old Business
   a. Two additional Family Assistance Grant applications received and will be added as amendments to the Resolution passed by Council

V. New Business
a. Treasurer Nominiations
   i. Nikko Collida nominated at last meeting
   ii. No other nominations from the floor
   iii. Council approves Nikko Collida for Treasurer unanimously
b. Toastmaster’s Club
   i. Group that gets together and learns how to speak publicly. The group meets in CTLM102 on Thursday from 5-6pm.
c. LAIS program is offering a forum on the Arab Awakening next Sunday the 13th from 6-9pm (food at 6, starts at 7 pm) at Jefferson Unitarian Church