GSA Meeting Minutes, 2/6/2006

- Child care ("family assistance") grant:
  - Form is available online; due to OGS in 1 week (Feb. 13th)
  - It will be applied retroactively
  - Will be taken to Budget Committee on Thurs. to be added as a line item (to get more money for next year)

- Board wants a statement from GSA/ASCSM regarding whether there are too many students for the resources available
  - Watch for e-mail; relate personal anecdotes

- Social Chair election
  - Lindsay nominated; no other nominations; gives brief statement; ok'd by GSA

- Plus/minus grading proposal:
  - Grad Council voted 9-0-4
  - Goes to subcommittee on Academic Standards
  - Goes from subcommittee to Faculty Senate
  - Goes from Senate to Nigel Middleton
  - ASCSM approved resolution against +/- grading (19-1-2)

- Updates from Tom Boyd:
  - Budget Com. updates:
    - More TA money
    - PhD first year fellowships
    - FIN. AID for non-thesis students
  - Other news:
    - Discussed tuition changes
    - Tuition floor means no minimum registration
    - Summer registration no longer required

- Travel grants due by the end of the GSA meeting on Feb. 20th

- Research Fair will be April 5th (Wed. before E-Days)
  - Possible to move to another date in upcoming years - near Career Day? Mid-March to coincide with depts marketing to new students?

- E-Days notes

- Academic Chair:
  - House buying seminar, March 2nd, 5:30pm
  - Discussed possible topics/issues to cover
  - Will have snacks available
  - Panel of profs and industry people to discuss pros/cons of academia vs industry (with undergrads)

- Other committees/meetings upcoming, will be discussed later