GSA Meeting Minutes (Jan. 15, 2007)

- Travel grants due by March 5th
- Family grants from the fall are currently under re-evaluation
  - students may apply by the end of January for funding for the spring ‘07 semester.
  - would like to “spend” all money allowed so that the budget committee sees the
    importance of aid to grad students with families
  - would like to request that the administration/school takes this over from the GSA
    next year (propose to budget committee in Feb or March)
- Grad Council Update by T. Boyd:
  - “Straw Man” proposal: as an institution to decrease MS requirements from 36
    credit hours to 30 credit hours without the ability to double count credits. New
    proposal wants the decrease form 36-30 credit hours, but also states that those
    students receiving degrees from departments that require over 30 hrs can double
    count credits where applicable
  - Undergrad Council: proposal to calculate undergraduate GPAs (only last
    occurrence of class participation) when taking the same class multiple times so to
    beat “cheating of the system” by boosting of GPA
- Office of Grad Studies will be releasing a new “Thesis Writers Guide” soon!
- Lindsay stepping down as Treasurer, open for nominations
- Need a Grad & Research Council representative (1-2 times a month)
- Form a “social committee”
- Research Fair
  - March 28th, currently in Friedhoff Hall in the GC but hoping for ballroom in the
    SC instead for more space and more people
  - Get faculty involved for judging along with Dr. Scoggins and Dr. Poate
  - 2 sections one from 9-11 lunch from 11-1 and second from 1-3
  - Keynote speaker at 3:30 PM
  - Awards either at 4:30 or electronically
  - Career center (Holly Wilkinson) for judges?
- Contact MAC (Derrick, Chris E., Josh Southworth) about availability of the
  ballrooms