2nd GSA Meeting, September 15, 2008 Meeting Minutes:

**Reports:**

**President:**
Request for officers and committee members was made again. Announced a few people had volunteered for various positions. Nominations are in the new business.

**V.P. Communications:**

**V.P. International:**

**Treasurer:**

**Social Chair:**
Bowling event at Golden Bowl September 24 from 6-9 pm. Halloween costume pub crawl on October 30 is in the works. A breakfast/coffee day at 13th Street bake shop is in the works for November. Any ideas are greatly appreciated.

**Academic Chair:**

**OGS Report:**
There will be a separate hooding ceremony for PhD recipients immediately prior to the graduation ceremony starting this fall.

**Department Reports:**
None.

**Old Business:**
Officer/Committee Positions: Had volunteers for VP International, Academic Chair, and Sustainability committee. VP International: Indar Singh, Academic Chair: Neal Adams, Sustainability Committee: Jason Fish. These appointments were unanimously approved. Still need people for Calendar, Undergrad Council, Faculty Senate, Grad Council, Tech Fee, ASCSM, ASCSM Campus Development Committee.

Family Assistance Grants: Baker handed out a one page spreadsheet with a comparison of the history of the Family Assistance Grant with the cost of health insurance through the school at the family level. The percentage the grant covers dropped from 15.58% when started to 12.80% if nothing was done for the 2008-09 year. A recommendation was made to increase the funding level to $1,250 per year which is 16.01% of the health insurance cost. It was also recommended that we increase the number of awards to 15. Motion to accept both recommendations was made and seconded. Vote was unanimous for the motion. Motion passed.

Travel Grants: Funding of travel grants was discussed. Both levels of travel grants were discussed. Also, the number of grants available was discussed. No change in funding level for the grants ($400 for presenter, $150 for attendee). Will accept 40 applications for each level for the year.

**New Business:**
Officer Positions: Indar Singh introduced himself to the group as the only VP International candidate available. Others interested in the position were Linda Mohammad and Ravi Shar. Neal Adams emailed Baker interest in the Academic Chair position. No other interested parties for this position. Jason Fish emailed interest in the Sustainability committee. No other interest. Singh, Adams, Fish confirmed to their respective positions.

Budget: Working on the budget. Hope to have a budget to review at the next meeting.

**Announcements:**
Baker announced the next meeting will be in HH204 as Coolbaugh House not available.

Meeting was adjourned.