GSA Meeting Minutes April 4, 2011

I. Executive Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Student Fee Increase passed by 51% of the 750 votes
         1. Budget goes up by $10/student over the next 2 years
      ii. Budget will be presented for next year hopefully at the next meeting
      iii. Suggestions for added value to research:
         1. Doug: Travel money, grad students like this so be cautious about veering to far away from this
         2. Vasilisa: Travel grants
         3. Mark: Tutorials on using library tools
         4. Lawyer on retainer
         5. Rebate for students who pay out of pocket for tuition
         6. More trainings like the one for LyX; more trainings on other specialty programs like Mathematica, illustrator, etc.
         7. More money to ILL: article requests rejected because of too many journal requests; no money; no access to journals
         8. Market better to grad students
   b. VP of Communications
      i. CCIT has over 200 posters that are being printed in the next two weeks, so spread the word to have yours ready during your times slot
   c. VP International
      i. No report
   d. Academic Chair
      i. Zach in absentia:
         1. LyX Workshop went incredibly well
         2. Looking at doing more workshops like this in the future
   e. Social Chairs
      i. E-days Party: About 100 students attended
      ii. Dead Day BBQ
      iii. Possible Ski Day in April
   f. Treasurer
      i. No report
   g. Advisor Report
      i. No report

II. Department Representative Reports

III. Committee Reports
   a. Library Advisory Committee – Marc (ESE proxy)
      i. Small PhD population, less state support, library costs increasing
      ii. Surpluses from 2008 to now
      iii. Distribution of use
         1. Grad: research; UG: study area
         2. Financial issues at grad level: storing journals
         3. Space accommodation for ugs; outlets
      iv. Architect coming in for Q/A – send questions to Marc
v. Maintaining journal collection is costly
   1. There is no space for future journal purchases
   2. Possible renovation or new building?

IV. Old Business

V. New Business
   a. Nominations of Exec Positions
      i. President: Zach Aman
      ii. VP Communications: Cericia Martinez
      iii. VP International: Tie in more with International Council, possible
           remove executive position; Vasilisa agrees the role is not well defined
           or needed at the executive level
      iv. Academic Chair: Erich Hoover
      v. Treasurer: Quinn Larwood
      vi. Social Chair: 3 people that are not here

VI. Announcements