

GSA
General Body Meeting
February 7, 2013

- I. Call to Order: 5:06
- II. Welcome:
 - Student Association Elections (undergrad) are Tuesday, February 12, 2013. Several candidates: Michael Hogan, Hayden Nicks, Shelby Simms, Walton Chaney, and Alex Ezel spoke to us regarding the issues they will address if elected.
- III. Update from the Dean's Office:
 - Dr. Coates mentioned that photos of graduate students will be included in the next issue of the Office of the Graduate School's magazine "GradDawgs". Anyone interested in having their picture included should contact the Office of the Graduate School for more information.
- IV. Research Symposium:
 - Will be held on March 23, 2013 in Bowen Hall. Over 12 awards will be given out, many of them are cash. There will be Graduate Teaching Assistant and Graduate Research Assistant awards for both Master's and Doctorate students.
- V. Banquet:
 - The graduate banquet will be at the Hunter Henry Center on Wednesday, April 3, 2013. Awards will be presented to the winners of the research symposium.
- VI. Graduate/Professional Appreciation week:
 - Will be held the week of April 1- 5, 2013.
 - Dr. Abraham will speak about successfully transitioning from graduate school to the real world, student loans, and success.
 - A dinner etiquette class will be held on Tuesday evening. (location TBA)
 - An ice-cream social and recreational activity was discussed but nothing was decided on. A final decision will be announced at a later date.
 - Friday night will be entertainment night. Exact details will be announced once approved by the dean.
- VII. Honor Code Policy:
 - Equal treatment for graduate students was proposed. Another proposal was to place graduate students on probation for their first offense, while on probation disallow them from taking comprehensive exams and take away their assistantship and tuition waiver. This idea is aimed at making integrity very strict for graduate students.
- VIII. Search for Graduate Dean:
 - The current dean of the Graduate School has announced his retirement. Applications to fill the soon to be vacated position are now being accepted.
- IX. Adjourned: 5:49