GSS Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2011

In attendance:
Sam, Kim, Tasha, Cami, Carmen, Jake, Tony, Brett, Josh, Brittany, James

Discussion Items:
• IDEA is the new protocol to assess the effectiveness of courses and teacher performance—thoughts?
• New MS program of International Agribusiness forming in the College of Science or Agriculture
• Introduction of Graduate Program Review across the university in order to assess effectiveness in lieu of cutting tuition awards and graduate assistantship awards
• PhD credits may be cut in certain programs due to comparison with East Coast schools
• Support the screening of the PhD movie?
• Participate in the 150th year anniversary of the Moral Act, instituting land-grant universities

Action Items:
• Sam: check with Judy Hendrickson about Enhancement Award deadlines and if we can move the deadlines
• All: contact Kim if you are interested in serving on the Research Award Committee
• Kim: develop Research Award Committee
• Kim: Contact Hannah Blackburn with GSS website updates with the Research Award information once it is settled as a merit-based system with monthly review dates
• Kim: draft and approve monthly reminder email to send about Research Awards
• All: draft an email to the colleges in your departments describing who you are and what your role is in GSS
• All: get contact information for all the grad students in your college (as many as possible, that is)
• Tasha and Cami: meet and get information about supporting the Honors Dept in screening the PhD movie
• All: Doodle survey to make sure the meetings are at the most convenient times for the most people
• James: keep us updated on the news regarding the Moral Act

Accomplished in the Meeting:
• Merit-based system established with the Research Awards
• Updates from Senators about the activities of their departments and colleges for designated ‘college weeks’
- Carmen: shared email idea to introduce yourself to the grad students in your colleges
- Constitution amended to remove the International Senator

NEXT Meeting: October 5th (unless otherwise notified)