Student Government Association
Graduate Student Senate
October 29, 2013
5:30 P.M. – UC Shiloh Room

Martin P. Walker, GSS President
Damien Pitts, GSS Vice-President
Robert V. Truka, GSS Secretary

• 5:30 p.m. – CALL TO ORDER

• 5:31 p.m. – ROLL

• GUEST SPEAKERS:

-5:33 p.m., Dr. Palomino, Civil Engineering Dept. – Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society
  -Discussed new opportunities to join Sigma Xi
  -Grants for research opportunities available
  -More Info, email Dr. Palomino, angel@utk.edu, or Dr. Todd Freeburg, tfreeber@utk.edu
  -Visit: www.sigmaxi.org

-5:45 p.m., Ferlin McGaskey – Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center
  - New Assistant Director at Tennessee Teaching and Learning Center
  -Supports Graduate Student Teaching Instructors
  -How Support is offered:
    -Consultation
    -Workshop and Seminars
    - NEW- Launching a Graduate Student Teaching Certificate, for students who want to become faculty (at any institution)
      -3 part program
        -Orientation, 2 workshops
        -Intense seminar, reading heavy, starting next fall, 8 meetings
        -Supervised teaching
      - Application: NOVEMBER 4 – 25, 2013

• 5:57 p.m. - PRESIDENT’S REPORT
  -Welcome to GSS
-December Meeting
  -Are we going to meet?....Vote taken = NO
  -President Walker will send email about small meeting that can still happen
-Spring Meetings
  -President Walker is going to email about Spring meeting times
-Website
  -New GSS Website should be operational by January 2014

- 6:04 p.m. – Vice-Presidents Report
  -Welcome to GSS
  -SGA Undergraduate Senate Report

- 6:14 p.m. – INTERNAL COMMITTEES
  -Jessica Welch – Communications and Outreach Report
  - 6:19 p.m., St. Thomas Ledoux – Equity and Diversity Report
  - 6: 22 p.m., Kathryn Abrahamsson – Fun Run Report

- 6: 27 p.m. - External COMMITTEES
  -Still some seats that need to be filled
  -Reports

- 6: 35 p.m. – NEW BUSINESS
  -Changes to the GSS Bylaws
  -Guest Speakers?
  -Business from the floor?

- 6:39 p.m. – ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - Pot Luck November 26, 2013, 6-8 p.m., International House on Campus. Open to all Graduate Students and friends
  - New Arts and Sciences Council needs extra Graduate Representatives to discuss issues
  - Letter from Payroll to Graduate Students about Insurance coverage regarding the Affordable Health Care Act. No need to worry about coverage changes

6:43 p.m. - ADJOURN