Graduate Student Congress

Minutes 12/08/2009

Next meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6pm.

1. Coordination of conferences across campus planned by various departments and student groups.
   - As a platform to inform students of the various events going on throughout campus
   - To coordinate different departments to avoid scheduling issues when possible.
   - Google calendar can be a good option, but someone will still need to manage it.
     o Within Google calendar, we can color code for conferences. (i.e. UK based vs. other regional conferences)
   - The UK GSC will not regulate the dates of the conferences, so departments can schedule conferences and events on the same days as other conferences if needed.

2. Workshop on banking, credit and finances for graduate students.
   - Geared toward graduate students with specific questions.
   - Flexible format with both questions and presentation
   - Credit score
   - What decisions can we make now to help better our financial future
   - Lean options for graduate students
   - Tax brackets- what graduate students can expect when entering a higher (or lower) tax bracket due to job market entry (or exit)
   - Retirement questions- what to look for in a retirement package

3. Athletic Fee Update
   - Reminder- If you are post qualifying exams, you cannot buy student athletic tickets without paying all fees.
   - Already formed a committee
   - Issue is now held somewhere between student billing and the Provost office
   - If we change it for graduate students post qualifying (technically part time) how will this affect all part time students (including undergraduates) at UK?
   - Right now the policy is pay all the fees, or none of them

4. Interdisciplinary conference update
   - Watch for call for abstracts: January 15- February 12 officially online on our website
   - Strongly encourage interdisciplinary topics- target “outside” your department
   - For proposal acceptance the committee will consider whether they introduced how their topic is relevant to other departments

5. Personal Information on UK website
   - Graduate student personal info is still up on the directory
   - The only way to get take personal information away is to completely remove yourself from the directory.
• SGA also had a similar issue; can we work with them to find out who is working on it?
• As GS what they know
• Are email sources different?

6. Other business
• RG Anderson Building- can’t get in or out after 5 pm even though classes are still going on.
  o One door remains open, students can get out the side door.