Graduate Student Congress
Meeting Minutes
March 9, 2010

1. Health Insurance
   a. The University has signed a contract with a new provider – Academic Health Plan which shares the Humana network
   b. UK is currently negotiating the details of the contract but they seem to have listened to the requests/suggestions made by grad students
   c. Although the details are not finalized, it looks like we will have co-pays for ER visits, co-pays for non-UK provider visits (even if they’re in-network, although co-pays will be higher for out-of-network visits), increase in coverage for out-patient surgeries, increase in mental health coverage, will keep the women’s health benefits, and the premium will be under $1,200 per year (not the 30+% increase that was feared)

2. Student travel funding forum
   a. Pat Whitlow has agreed to lead a Student Travel Funding forum on March 23 at 5:30pm in CB 102; pizza and drinks will be provided
   b. Please send any questions you have for Dr. Whitlow to tina.kruger@uky.edu so that we can compile questions for Dr. Whitlow to address with her presentation
   c. All graduate students are invited to attend and more information will be sent in a separate email
   d. Please come to the forum prepared to offer and discuss suggestions for developing a new plan for fairly distributing the limited student travel funds

3. Online Student Contact Info
   a. Kirsten Lovas, a senior in the nursing program, has been working diligently for over 3 years to get student information (e.g., home address and cell phone number) removed from the UK people search website. She has run into multiple obstacles but will continue to work with the GSC to resolve the issue.
   b. The GSC will help distribute a petition later this semester garnering support for the removal of personal information from the UK website

4. Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Conference
   a. We still need more faculty volunteers for the conference. Please send the attached letter to your faculty members to request their participation in the event.
   b. Any questions regarding the conference or volunteering can be sent to tina.kruger@uky.edu

5. Athletic Fee
   a. UK has revised their fee policy statement online (www.uky.edu/Registrar/feesgen.htm) although the questions we asked are still unanswered (why are students assessed different fees at the part-time level compared to the full-time level? Why are some optional, others mandatory, and others cannot be paid at the part-time level? How much is each fee?)
   b. The GSC sub-committee addressing this issue will continue their efforts to get answers to those questions

6. Other Business
   a. Elections for the GSC will take place at the April meeting - please spread the word about the opportunity to take on a position as GSC officer and encourage new representatives to join
   b. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns, please let us know!