1. Monthly meeting time
   a. Second Tuesday of each month at 6pm; location to be announced
   b. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October, 13, 2009 at 6pm (location TBA)
2. Request was made for interested students to contact the GSC if they are interested in serving on the Graduate Council, which meets every other Thursday from 1-3pm (next meeting is Sept. 17)
3. Potential topics to address in the upcoming year:
   a. Graduate Student Health insurance
      i. Everyone is invited to join the FaceBook discussion to give examples of their experience with the student health insurance (http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2251426745)
   b. Athletic Fee
      i. Two people have expressed interest in working on the issue of post-quals students not being considered full-time for purposes of buying tickets to sporting events here
   c. Travel Funding by the Graduate School – suggestions for better allocation of funds
      i. Give preference to first time applicants
      ii. Pay a percent of students’ cost up to a predetermined cap
      iii. Notify applicants of approval up to X amount, then require receipts afterwards to actually get the money
      iv. Ask the Graduate School to have DGSs keep students from applying if they have other sources of support
      v. Fund students based on the quality of the conference
      vi. Fund students based on the type of presentation they will give (poster, paper, symposium)
      vii. Encourage students not to apply if they can get funding from another source
4. Interdisciplinary Conference in April 2010 (Collaboration, Translation, and Outreach)
   a. It was suggested that the GSC collaborate with the Appalachian student organization as they have a conference in February
   b. Anyone interested in helping to plan the conference should contact one of the GSC officers
5. Other issues
   a. Everyone agreed that the ice cream social should be pushed back so that it does not coincide with Ramadan