With two officers and nine members present, the meeting was called to order. Introductions of officers and members were followed by the treasurer’s report of a balance of $605.71, which will carry forward after June 30, 2012. Interim President, Heather Davis, gave a summary of a January 2012 meeting of graduate student organization leaders – a detailed report of that meeting was provided to members.

The major business of the meeting was the election of officers for 2012-13. Interim vice-president, Ben Saunders, officiated the election process, calling forward candidates for each position to speak to their strengths in the office for which they were running. Candidates were as follows:

**PRESIDENT**
1. Heather Davis

**VICE-PRESIDENT**
1. Eir-Anne Edgar
2. Frank Appiah

**TREASURER**
1. Brad Fox

**SECRETARY**
1.

Following brief speeches, members voted. Ben Saunders tallied the votes and announced the winners. For the contested office, vice-president, the winner was Frank Appiah. After consideration, Eir-Anne Edgar graciously offered to provide support as secretary, a role she has fulfilled for the Congress in the past.

Heather Davis shared with the members information about the Cat’s Den event on April 20, as well as ideas for Fall 2012 events including a lecture and panel discussion on a forthcoming report from the Council of Graduate Schools on “Examining Career Pathways for Graduate Students,” sponsoring research open houses across campus, and a revitalized cross-disciplinary, translational conference.

The floor was then opened to other business. A discussion of dental insurance prompted a member to mention that BCTC offers a $25 dental cleaning with referrals to UK for major work needed; the officers will include the link to this service under the revised resources section of the GSC website. There were several questions about past events sponsored by the Congress (new student orientation table, ice cream social, professional development workshops, and the conference), as well as the purpose of each of the three committees (social, fundraising, professional development—primarily to provide guidance to Dr. Morris Grubbs on content and timing of professional development workshops offered by the Graduate School).

An issue the Congress might explore in 2012-2013 is the student activity fee and how part-time graduate students can get into events; information about the fee structure would be needed for this review. Other discussion centered on addressing concerns about reaching non-traditional students: a member suggested consulting the Student Development Council which has done extensive research on this kind of outreach. Another helpful partnership might be with the Counseling Center: its graduate student support group could provide common issues which the Congress could work to address.
The members also shared an interest in service opportunities, which the GSC advisor, Dr. Morris Grubbs, recommended be connected to the discipline. One opportunity might be to assist the Counseling Center in providing counsel to undergraduates about life in graduate school – this information could also be provided to undergraduate student organizations. Another member suggested partnering with another UK student organization on a service project as there is strength in numbers.

Finally, an announcement was shared about a Mindfulness Workshop on Friday, April 6. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.