Call to Order:  4:41 p.m. (George M).

Roll Call: (Katy M) – George Morales, Katie Burke, Lisa Marie Wands, Latasha Hoskins Lee, Evana Tamayo, Katy Morris, Ashley Hendricks, Janet Yuen, Heather Bishara, Richard Tommer (phone).

Approval of December 2\textsuperscript{nd} 2009 Agenda.

- Katie B. Motion to Amend the Agenda by moving schedule next meeting under “New Business to the first item under “New Business.” // Passed
- Katie B Motion to Approve November 4\textsuperscript{th} 2009 Minutes. // Passed

Point of Privilege: Latasaha L.

- Katie B. Motion to admit all members / Lisa Marie Second // Passed

Open Forum

(Janet Yuen) Stepping down from position, might become more involved with the board. Will continue being active.

- Katie B. Motion to admit all members/ Lisa Marie Second // Passed

(Latasha L) Student from College of Science contacted her. Will GSA start allowing grants for research? Will Research Grants be part of the GSA new funding? Discuss at future meeting, as students are being affected?

(George M) Sub-group of travel approval. Issue as discussed with travel committee. Good idea to get a working committee on this. Travel committee?

Latasha and Faith both interested in serving on a committee. Maybe Ashley P? Keep it open.

(Katie B) Refer student to Grad College and they might be able to fund her? Although they are tight with funds as well. Latasha -contact student let her know and Katie will follow up with Kristine K.

(George M) Business – good at helping, secure Professional Development Grants.
Old Business

(Not Applicable)

New Business

(George M) Schedule next meeting. Schedule initial meeting – Keeping with Bylaws, first meeting of semester will plan out future meetings for Spring 2010. Proposed Dates or Conflicts?

✓ Faith G Motion that we hold the first meeting of next semester on January 11th, 2010 at 4:30 p.m./ Latasha second// Passed

GSAAB Travel Grant Approval Committee (George M).

First five applications that were approved through GSA have also been approved by the University Travel Committee. The last two, Lauren and Michael also went through COSO – graduate students. Have been approved through COSO – but being that they are graduate students some concern that we should pick up them or split.

(Heather B) Recommendation is to split the cost with COSO.

(Katie B) 4-4-2 Split for the semesters with travel funding. Right now for the Fall, incld 600 for each of these students we are below the 4. So it rolls over. Right now at $3350 that we have spent so far including two that havn’t gone through University Travel Committee.

(Evana T) Would they still be held to the limit- $600?

(Heather B) Yes. Will not be able to fund them again this year.

(Katie B) COSO is working with zero funding for travel. Taking requests because know how bad students need to travel. Have to approach House of Representatives to get the bill for money.

(Janet Y) Some kind of clear/defined procedure is needed.

(Heather B) COSO allocated funding for the semester and it is gone. COSO is statute based- how much they can use each semester. All the same pot- all student government funds, it is about them not having to pay all $1200. Kind of a leak in the semester in that you are a graduate student and you are in a club – you can go to either body. They have 280 clubs that come to them for funding.

✓ Latasha motion to award 50/50 with COSO/ Katy M second// Passed

(Faith G) Does this mean this situation will happen over and over again with different groups? Or is this a one time function? Curious about precedent.

(Heather B) Need to strengthen this policy. Needs to be something put on the form.
(Katie B) A possible way to further avoid this is to not let students apply at the same time. If they get rejected from one- they go the next. Understand that time is sensitive. If apply simultaneously have to make that known in your request.

(Latasha L) Stipulation in that yes we will cover the split but in future but if you approve someone must make known.

(Katie B) Maybe something we can add to our GSAAB checklist for now, - question are you simultaneously applying to two groups for funding?

Research Committee Report (Katie B)

Research Day is April 9th. Next semester it will be our inaugural event. Research committee meeting December 15th at 4:00 p.m. in administration building 246.

Live Oak is pending but right now event should start at 10:30 a.m. consist of poster presentations in Live Oak- then panel presentation over lunch. The panel will consist of 3 participants. Will then give awards and prizes. $1,000 to give out to individuals.

Save the Date before the end of the semester- Call for papers early January.

Graduate College Report

(Not applicable)

UGC Report (George M)

. Electronic thesis and dissertation policy has been changed. Info will be listed on Graduate College webpage. 10 beta students test out in spring semester- next summer will be effective change.

. Graduate Program in Dept of Nursing: DNS can currently change over and get Ph. D degree with additional three courses. Those who have DNS and graduated can apply to do this by taking one additional course and showing competency in two. Haven’t decided if will be replacement or if will have dual degree.

. Changed rules for half- time graduate status and full –time graduate status for students. Current draft policy – may have finished all course work, credit wise but if you have a GTA now only pay for what you need to graduate. So let’s say I only need one credit of dissertation to graduate but I also need to maintain half time status for financial aid or health care, I will have to come out of pocket for those extra credits, (will only cover one credit). Policy is being rewritten such that now you can register for that one credit and be considered full time. But it really comes down to your program. Draft policy is available online through the Graduate College. Approved and effective January. Affects 10-15% graduate students.
Three graduate students, funds pulled, no longer working in lab. At end of dissertation – their PI is no longer getting funding. No due process for procedure right now. Graduate College – siding with Graduate Students, can’t pull them from lab and telling them to hurry up and finish – puts students in real bind. Dean Rossen -taken up at Provost office- siding with Graduate students in this case, is being resolved.

**College of Representative Report**

(George M) College of Engineering and Computer Science: Process of reevaluating how thesis and dissertations will be handled. Engineering and Honor Society is celebrating its 25th year anniversary here at University. Hosting a Spring convention in April. Getting new statue commissioned for new engineering building will be done this summer. Moving into building fall term of 2010. No classes until summer time. Have a virtual tour of construction site. Some grants awarded through Ocean Engineering. College of Engineering is working on faculty/staff photos – approved all the Ph.D students will have their portrait taken and a little bio of their research will be on the Engineering website. Starting next semester.

(Katie M) College of Arts and Letters: Programs continued – dance completion end of the semester. Literary series at Mizner Park. History Symposium. Peaceful World has workshops. (Brochures) School of Communication and Multimedia there will be an opening reception December 10th in Fort Lauderdale. Biannual Faculty Exhibit at the two art galleries on campus.

(Evana T) College of Education: Department of Exercise Science and Health Promotion established at Boca. Human performance laboratory – variety of exercise testing – marketing high school students who want to prep for athletic competitions, individuals who want to start exercise programs. Understand how program works so they can achieve their goals-located at Field house on campus. Department of Leadership is launching a new research methods program. Will be online- more info forthcoming.

Suggest marketing what we do (GSA) to the different departments.

(Lisa Marie W) College of Nursing: Just got accredited for our new doctoral program - the DNP (Doctor of Nursing Practice).

(Latasha L) College of Science: Dept of Biomedical Sciences put on a lecture series and had an astronaut come in and speak. FANS had inaugural event, rope climbing 20th November. Will hold another event in December at Coyote Jacks 9-11 will have free food.

(Richard T) CALUPA: Status quo.

**Boca Raton Graduate College Report (Katie B)**

December Grad Bash-RSVP GSA. 7-9 p.m. Dr. Suess theme- “Oh the Places Owls will go.” Will have photo booth and first two drinks are free.
. There will be Associate Director position available and posted as of December 7th. Will have to fill out online app and then interviewed late Dec early Jan. Up to 20 week- 80% tuition waiver- office in Student Union with Katie B.

. Boca Orientation and Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshops as well as our University wide Mixer will be first week before school. January 7th, 8th (grad teaching workshops) . Orientation is at Live Oak- Jan 7th. Jan 8th is the mixer. Volunteer / attendance email via GSA.


(Faith G) Maybe bring Graduate Balance Workshop up to North County?

. Tentatively Whole Foods event like one last semester on February 5th 2010. Will confirm.


. April 9th Research Day.

. Wednesday April 14th 2010 Student Leadership Banquet

. In December there is also a Ladies brown bag lunch – leadership, motivational, at the Alumni Center in the Great Hall.

Broward Graduate College Report (Ashley H)

Had a pretty successful Thanksgiving lunch. Also planning a Welcome Back – tentative date January 22nd 2010.

Northern Graduate College Report (Faith G)

Have Facebook up, is a work in progress. Coordinating all activites with North Campus student government. January 19th 2010. Graduate Student Appreciation Day with hot chocolate and cookies. Big event is Educational Leadership Mentoring program in February. March is writing seminar for CVs and Resumes.

(George M) Anyone have anything else to add?

(Heather B) Student Affairs more involved with Student Orientation. More of a presence at Student Orientation to show students what resources are available.

Acknowledge and thanks to Katie and Janet for Owl Awards.
Ashley H motion to adjourn meeting/ Latasha Second// Passed

Adjourn: 5:56 p.m.

**Reminder: GSAAB Get together with family?** Maybe the week after we get back, January 16th – that Saturday or Sunday? Around the 17th? Around 1:00 p.m. – Boca Raton - Sugar Sand Park.