I. Welcome 1:07 pm.
II. Role Call- all in attendance
III. Updates
      • 3rd support group meeting- worked on presenting the elevator speech- This is how you convey the main idea, in short 1 min. – great practice of this skill
      • Last one of the semester- Next one in spring
      • Question- Are these interdisciplinary meetings? yes
   b. Professional Development Seminar Update – Victoria Maher
      • Justin Lawhead- seminar in professional development skills- skills for relevant to all disciplines
      • Committee to Meet in Dec for schedule development of Spring Semester
   c. Travel Funding-
      • Have several travel funding meetings in Oct. and in Nov
      • For national conferences must submit 15 days before and 10 wks. For international conferences
   d. SGA Update-
      • David Taylor spoke- bills covered-in SGA- senators Kaitlin and David- opinions needed from GSA
      • Bill- for an inclusion officer to represent minorities and underrepresented groups- the undergraduate government wanted to develop an entire office, but decided to focus on an officer Kaitlin and David (GSA)- Abstained from vote- use current resources In addition, the Counseling and advocacy services were vague in description
• Bill- change of speed limit on Central- change from 40 miles to 25 miles an hour- GSA voted against, but bill passed
• Bill- to lower the on-line classes, U of M has most expensive on-line classes
  Question- GA’s on-line fees are not covered
• Any issues-
  Question- cross walks on Southern, especially for late classes

IV. E-news Requests
• Come weekly in emails
• GSA- Wants to highlight a graduate student each week- such as cool job, research,
• Form to fill out to nominate person- detail their degree and why they are interesting? Email- the recommendations
  Question- Why not send to departments for nominations?
  Answer- departments are called on for many other issues and will draw from them if necessary

V. Vote
a. Support for GTA seminar request
  • Graduate Teaching Assistant seminar- these are GTA special skills- not getting from departments-
    pro- there is a need-
    con- is given at the beginning of school year (August)- conjunction- give on-line course then 3 seminars
  Note- August there are other obligations- this would allow more flexibility
  Note- good idea to be able to brush up on skills
  Note- Not good idea because GTA’s are so busy
  Vote- Yes- 16 No- 4- resolution is adopted

VI. Announcements
a. TCGS Thesis Award- Master Students-
• Last year did not have a nomination-
• can nominate oneself- or other – due by 3rd week Nov.
b. Memphis Urban League Young Professionals toy drive for Hope House
   i. Sitafa Allen – sallen10@memphis.edu
   • This is a facility for families and children living w Aids- please donate
c. Other Announcements- No Dec Meeting
   Good Luck on Finals
VII. End Meeting
VIII. Next Meeting – January 2016
   a. www.memphis.edu/gsa

Call to End- 1:42 pm.