1. Pizza with the Deans

2. Agenda Items
   a. One Big Initiative
      i. Post Comps course in Professional Development
         1. See Appendix 1
      ii. Grocery Store Bus Route
         1. We are proposing to launch a bus to a grocery store once a fortnight, which will gather students from certain places on campus, take them to a store, give two-hour limit, and bring them back to campus. The bus will be free of charge. Such service will benefit all graduate students who don’t have a car, especially international students and those who just arrived in Iowa City and are not familiar with the area, or simply have no other means of transportation. It would be good to initiate the proposal as soon as possible. What is needed is purchasing or borrowing a bus (or two), finding a driver/drivers, monetary compensation for the driver, issuing the route of the bus.

   An excerpt from one student’s response to the idea in the Division of World Languages and Literatures: “I think this is a wonderful idea. A long time ago, when I first came as an international student as an undergraduate, we had an informal service in our university (car pools to the grocery store, where the students who had cars took turns), and it was really helpful, at least those first months before I got a hang of how to navigate the city. So, again, I think it is a really great idea.” Tania Mendez

      iii. ECGPS support of Grad Student Success Initiative
      iv. ECGPS support of Jakobsen Conference
    1. Poster boards
   b. Graduate Apparel Survey
   c. Service and Social Events
      i. GSS T-shirts?
   d. Updates
      i. New Senator Recruitment Updates
      ii. Current Senator Committee Participation
      iii. Committees

3. Executive Reports
   a. President’s Report—Bryan Brown
      i. Thank you for volunteering your time and effort. If you have not done so please communicate with Kassie the senators on your committees.
      ii. Please be in communication with me regarding how your committees are going.
   b. Vice President’s Report—Tessa Quintero
      i. Nothing to report
   c. Treasurer’s Report—Brian Fahey
      i. Nothing to report
d. Membership Officer’s Report—Kassie McLaughlin
   i. Nothing to report

e. Parliamentarian’s Report—Andrew Juhl
   i. Nothing to report

f. Graduate Council Report—Bryan Brown, Gabriela Hamerlinck, Sarah Lucas, Kristan Worthington
   i. Upcoming meetings and minutes are posted at:
      http://facstaff.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-council/meetings

g. ECGPS Delegate Report—Stacey Alex, Bryan Brown
   i. ECGPS approved a joint resolution with UISG supporting a tuition freeze for instate-students.

h. DGSAC Delegate Report—OPEN
   i. Nothing to Report

i. Webmaster’s Report—James Skretta
   i. Nothing to Report

4. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Kristan Worthington and Kassie McLaughlin
      i. Nothing to Report

   b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
      i. Nothing to Report

   c. International Student Committee—Christian Supiot
      i. Nothing to report

   d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Brady Hoback, Levent Sensoy, Gloria Wenman
      i. The website will be open for submissions starting January 6th! We will send out a call for papers towards the end of the semester. In the meantime, start getting the word out to your departments.

      ii. We are presently deciding on a conference theme/slogan, and will have it ready to go on November 1st. Once we have decided on a theme/slogan we will send out a call for submissions for the poster/design contest. We have a volunteer working to secure a gift card donation for the winner of the contest. We will judge the submissions the first week of December.

      iii. We have four of the six needed division heads! Thanks to all who’ve volunteered. We are still in need of division heads for the “Math, Physics, and Engineering” as well as the “Arts Research” divisions. Please contact Brady Hoback or Levent Sensoy if you’re interested in serving on the Jakobsen Committee in this capacity.

      iv. We have set two fundraising goals: we are aiming to raise $500 in donations before the start of the conference, and to have at least one food or beverage donation secured before we go on winter break. If you’re interested in helping us with these efforts, please contact Brady Hoback, Levent Sensoy, or Gloria Wenman.

   e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
      i. Nothing to report

   f. Legislative Committee—OPEN
      i. Nothing to report
g. Service & Social Committee—Andrew Juhl, OPEN
   i. S&S is planning a Winter Formal this year instead of a Fall Ball. It will be held sometime in Late January/Early February. We will also be making official GSS T-Shirts for our volunteers and senators. We recently had our first meeting, and we have a ton of great ideas for events to come. Watch your email for additional info!

h. Travel Funds Committee—Gabriela Hamerlinck, Hang Nguyen
   i. We have two deadlines approaching, the general travel funds and the supplemental travel award for research. Both of these applications are open until midnight November 7th. Our next scoring session will be November 13th at 5:15pm in B20 Biology Building where we will score both applications. We hope to see you there!

Appendix 1

During their last semester of coursework OR during ABD, PhD students (or the like)...
   o OR During their last semester, Master’s students (or the like)...
   • ... can enroll in a Career Services Class (name needs work)
     o ... which is 1 semester hour
     o ... which can be taken for credit OR P/F
     o ... in which assignments should be simple and graded to the benefit of the student when completed. Assignments such as...
       ▲ ... job search
       ▲ ... make CV/résumé
       ▲ ... update CV/résumé
       ▲ ... cover letters
       ▲ ... personal statements
       ▲ ... interview practice
       ▲ ... etc.
   • The cost of this class is 1 S.H., and SHALL NOT BE FREE TO THE STUDENT.
     o This can be deliberated on.
     o NOT FREE doesn’t mean FULL PRICE, necessarily.
   • This class would be taught by associate professors
     o ... tenure-track, mostly. As tenure track requires a SERVICE COMPONENT, this could be considered a HUGE SERVICE to the university, as it would assist placements and hiring, which makes the UI look better, numbers-wise. (IT IS ASSUMED this class would help most the people who would take it; not everyone would—HOWEVER, those taking it are assumed to have better placement and hiring outcomes than they would if no class existed.)
     o ... additionally, this would be a benefit to the YOUNG PROFESSORS. This would allow them to meet with and interact a number of individuals who they otherwise might not. Those individuals, if placed, would owe some debt to the professor who helped them in this manner. This effectively adds a layer or social and professional

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networking that benefits the YOUNG PROFESSOR, the RECENT GRADUATE, and THE UNIVERSITY.

- It is assumed that 2-3 YOUNG PROFESSORS could teach such a class each semester, and that—unless they wanted to—YOUNG PROFESSORS would not need to teach the class more than once.
- If the above is to be considered TRUE SERVICE by the YOUNG PROFESSOR to the UI, then their teaching for this 1 S.H. course would be unpaid or paid at a reduced rate.
  - This, in turn, could reduced/offset the costs to the students.

**BENEFITS:**

- **TO RECENT GRADS:**
  - Career development
  - Professional development
  - Placement help
  - Advice
  - Social networking
  - Professional networking
  - Negligible grad bump/insurance
  - Dedicated time/place for CV/résumé/career assistance (instead of workshops)

- **TO YOUNG PROFESSORS**
  - Professional development
  - Social networking
  - Professional networking
  - $\$$--?
    - A chance to show SERVICE to the university for tenure

- **TO THE UNIVERSITY**
  - Social networking
  - Professional networking
  - $\$$--?
  - SERVICE from tenure-track professors
  - Possibly improved placement and hiring statistics
  - Possibly improved exit interview responses from recent graduates