1. Call to Order—6:00pm
2. Introduction of Senators (~ 2 minutes)
3. Agenda
   a. Discussion of President Harrel Survey on Campus Needs
      i. Suggestions for GSS requests
         1. Bring back Dean’s Fellowship
         2. Ask for smaller scholarships for graduate student success
         3. Incentives for teaching
      ii. Please send other ideas for the GSS proposal to Nicole
          (nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu) or David (david-harman@uiowa.edu) by Friday, December 4th at noon.
   b. Rent increase at Aspire – Nicole Jardine
      i. Presentation was given on the rate increase at Aspire
         1. GSS was asked to lend support against this rate increase
      ii. Possible action points for GSS
         1. Motion to release public statement urging Aspire not to increase rent – Approved
         2. In preparation for a possible negative response from Aspire, several possibilities were proposed:
            a. Increase in grad student pay
            b. Subsidies for grad student living
            c. Rate freeze
4. Reports
   a. Graduate Voices Committee
      i. Brief discussion of special meeting with President Harrel
         1. General comments and impressions
         2. Informal vote to ask him back in the Spring - Approved
   b. Jakobsen Conference Committee Report – Tawny Tibbits
      i. Artwork has been chosen
      ii. Call for Abstracts will go out soon, at which time submissions will also open.
      iii. Vote to reallocate funds from boxed lunches to reception – Approved
   c. Graduate Student Success Committee Report – Andrew Metzger
      i. Committee is working on Careers Outside the Academy
         1. Looking for speakers with a graduate degree working outside of academia to speak, particularly in the humanities. Please e-mail Andrew (andrew-metger@uiowa.edu) with suggestions.
      ii. Committee is also working on 3MT (3 Minute Thesis)
         1. Departmental candidates for finals needed by February 23rd.
   d. Travel Funds Committee Report – Russell Ricker, Dong Yu
      i. Presentation of Travel Funds data for the last few years
      ii. Russell will present data by department or division at next meeting
5. Announcements
   a. The deadline for the Supplemental Travel Award is December 4th at 11:59 PM.