



# Graduate Studies Committee

July 27, 2006

1:30PM to 2:30PM

Dean's Conference Room (4307 HPNP)

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## Members:

Dr. Ray Bergeron (MC), Dr. Jeff Hughes (PC), Dr. Joanna Peris (PD), Dr. Carole Kimberlin (PHCA), Dr. Reggie Frye (PP), Dr. Bill Millard (ORGS), Ms. Deborah Stowell (ORGS)

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## AGENDA TOPICS

### 1. Meeting Overview

☞ Accept Minutes from the April 20, 2006 GSC Meeting. The May and June meetings were cancelled.

### 2. Informational Items

FYI Post-bac Reception: Wednesday, September 6, 2006, Reitz Union Grand Ballroom

FYI Graduate Student Health Insurance

### 3. Action Items



### 4. Discussion

☞ TA Assignments for Fall

☞ Annual Research Showcase – Keynote speaker, date, anything new to add or change, increase awards – especially with posters?



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Minutes from July 27, 2006

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**Attendees:** Drs. Sloan for Bergeron (MC), Hughes (PC), Peris (PD), Kimberlin (PHCA), Frye (PP), Millard and Stowell (ORGS), Todd Reynolds (GAU).

## 1. Meeting Overview

The meeting was opened at 1:36 P.M. in room 4307, HPNP with the minutes from the April 20, 2006 GSC meeting approved as recorded. There was no meeting in May or June.

## 2. Informational Items

**Post-bac Reception:** The committee was informed that the Post-bac Reception will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 in the Reitz Union Grand Ballroom.

**Graduate Student Health Insurance:** Todd Reynolds from the GAU office was available to answer questions regarding health insurance for students. The new insurance will start mid January, 2007 and will be such that *individual only* health insurance (\$1,440 annual premium) will be fully paid by the Institution (TAs) and grants (RAs) at that time and in the future. Scarborough Company Insurance [www.scarins.com](http://www.scarins.com) will be the carrier. Graduate students who are looking to obtain the new insurance coverage should sign up of insurance coverage as well this coming Fall semester so they do not loose the "pre-existing" conditions benefit. We have been notified that domestic rates will go up (19%) this fall while international rates will remain stable.

All details about the new insurance plan are still very sketchy. However, more information will be coming shortly and all students are encouraged to check out the website at [www.hr.ufl.edu](http://www.hr.ufl.edu), click on Benefits, then Insurance. Further questions can be addressed to Todd Reynolds at [organizing@ufgau.org](mailto:organizing@ufgau.org), or Julie Neubig in the HR office at 2-0003.

## 3. Action Items

**Teaching Assistants for Fall 2006:** Please see [attached](#) file for assignments.

## 4. Discussion

**Annual Research Showcase:** This next research showcase will be our 20<sup>th</sup> and Dr. Millard asked the committee that if they have any suggestions or ideas on how to make it special to

please let him know, such as with a keynote speaker, formatting of the days events, potential judges, etc.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:20 P.M