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GRADUATE ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE **Tuesday, May 28, 2013, 4 p.m.** **2124 Lee Building**

AGENDA

- 1) Welcome and introductions
- 2) Meet and Confer
- 3) GAAC Elections

GAAC NOTATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1) Proposal for future GAAC Elections:
 - a) 6 people elected every other year for 2 year terms
 - b) September elections, with meetings mid-fall and mid-spring
 - c) Election supervised by GSG president and outgoing 6 GAAC members
- 2) discuss/make available stipend data
 - a) Go over Big-10 comparison data
 - b) request electronic versions from administration from last meeting (IRPA data). \document labeled "GA Stipends Median-Mean FY 04-12"
- 3) Request updates from Administration on:
 - a) TA training discussions and progress
 - b) TA assignment/notification progress
 - c) Intellectual Property developments
- 4) Request information to be compiled on the following:
 - a) Departments changing satisfactory progress requirements during program
 - b) Students on visas breaking contracts for internships during summer
 - c) Student workman's compensation if injured on the job
- 5) New Issues brought up by our constituents:
 - a) Bereavement leave (esp. for int'l students during semester)

- 6) Tuition remission coverage of fees
 - a) why fees charged to candidates just completing research credits and not coursework
 - b) University (Grad School) Dissertation fellowships cause loss of insurance and paycuts
 - c) (Why can't they allow partial assistantships)

- 7) Major Issue: Transparency:
 - a) how funding decisions are made for various GAs
 - b) department funding models and usage of auxiliary/leftover funds
 - c) decisions of removing GA positions (e.g. in exchange for full-time positions)