In Attendance: Steve Kantrowitz (Chair), Leslie Abadie, Jake Blanc, Shelly Chan, Spring Greeney, Brian Hamilton, Susan Johnson, Neil Kodesh, Faron Levesque, Marlina Polk McGiveron, Lee Palmer Wandel, Jane Williams, Naomi Williams.

I. Meeting called to order at 3:45pm

II. September 11, 2013, General Session Minutes Approved

III. Upcoming Events

- **Fri, 11**  Mock Interviews
- **Mon, 14**  Prelims Workshop, 5:30-7:30 PM, Curti Lounge
- **Wed, 16**  Organizing Your Dissertation Research Roundtable, 5:00-6:30 PM, Curti Lounge
- **Fri, 18**  Mock Interviews
- **Fri, 21**  Mock Interviews
- **Fri, 29**  Mock Interviews

IV. Announcements

- **Second Election Results**
  Spring Greeney: Funding Committee
  James McKay: Graduate Student and Facility Liaison Committee

- **Diversity Training Update**
  Discussion of restructuring the training procedure and faculty support for TAs in training. Lee Palmer Wandel suggested that JCOTA take a more active part in the diversity training. Neil Kodesh suggested a group discussion about what diversity training should include. Naomi Williams suggested a town hall meeting to discuss the diversity training. A town hall meeting will be arranged by Leslie Abadie and Lee Palmer Wandel. Clarification of the training should be in place by Spring 2014 to have the protocol in place for Fall 2014.
V. Funding Survey Report Discussion

The Graduate Council reviewed the funding survey reports offering the following questions and suggestions:

- Lee Palmer Wandel suggests a listing with tuition and PA/TA income.
- Jane Williams commented that there is not enough money to match fellowship amounts.
- Brian Hamilton pointed out that the report does not include updated health insurance premiums.
- Neil Kodesh asked if summer funding was included on the spreadsheet.
- Members discussed cohort size and the benefits to providing more funding to graduate students.
- Naomi Williams suggested explaining the meaning of funding to graduate students to break up misconceptions of what being funded means.
- Discussion about the percentage of graduate students who have obtained student loans and the actual cost of living for students in Madison.

Meeting dismissed 5:00pm