Melanie Reimann called the meeting to order at 11:00am, PDT.

Members Present
Taylor Hermsen, Melanie Reimann, Amanda Svehla, Nick Martin, Matthias Baudinet, Kat Cassiere, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Sarah Beth Gumm, Brian Stack, Ryan Booth, Randy Powell, Kevin Kipers, Sam Fleischer.

1. Officer’s Reports
   a. Chair/PhD Rep
      i. Send personal biographies and office hours to Cassandra.
      ii. Note — the professor for whom you TA cannot make you work on another of their courses. You are only responsible for the class to which you are assigned.
      iii. Mental Health — Please keep in mind that all on-campus services are also available to graduate students. Ensure your own health via proper sleeping and eating.
      iv. Important dates:
         1. Colloquium on selecting good RCI topics — 8/31, 12pm, WS 333.
         2. 9/4 — Deadline to file for payroll deduction.
         3. 9/19 — Deadline to drop classes without record; last day to apply for residency.
   b. GPSA Rep
      i. Summer Travel Grant — “Summer” classification applies to all travel up to 9/8. Deadline for applying for this fund: 9/11.
      ii. Professional Development Initiative — Geared toward non-academic careers. Some symposiums are future-academic oriented.
         1. See the GPSA website.
         2. There are seven events in September alone.
      iii. “Versatile PhD Membership”
         1. See the GPSA website.
      iv. The Guide App
         1. Launched this year.
         2. Exceptionally helpful resource for incoming students. Links their classes, due dates, administrative deadlines with an app profile.
      v. New program from the Provost: “Activity Insight”
         1. New system for evaluation. Oriented toward faculty.
      vi. Library “Cuts”
         1. Administrators located an additional $500,000 in funding to support existing collections.
         2. Cuts will still occur, but will affect fewer sources.