Graduate Student Field Trips
The group discussed several possibilities for field trips. They decided that one event this semester would be enough and that a local trip might be best to get the ball rolling. Ideas included UK sporting events, ice skating, Keeneland, photography exhibits/lectures, gallery hop, Shaker Village, Thanksgiving with OIA, open studio tour.

For future events, the group would like to consider Boxes and Walls in April and the Latino celebration next fall. The group thinks a big trip once per semester with a smaller Grad School sponsored event once a month would be ideal.

No decisions were finalized for a fall event. **FOLLOW-UP:** Heather will share the top picks with the group for consideration and voting. The majority event will be organized and publicized for all graduate students.

The group expressed a great deal of interest in renting out the Cat’s Den one Friday afternoon late in the semester for graduate students to unwind. **FOLLOW-UP:** Heather will find out how to proceed.

Service Learning Projects
Through another project, Heather met a United Way staff member who has connections at a local elementary school. Three students expressed interest in learning more about this project. **FOLLOW-UP:** Robert also had a contact at the Center for Community Outreach whose contact information he will share with Heather. Balin also recommended contacting Kay Roberts for outreach opportunities.

Revival of Graduate Student Council
Heather, interim president, shared with the group plans for shaping the future of the Council, which include surveying other graduate student organization leaders.

Diversity Barriers within Departments
Alex would like to **follow-up** with Anna and/or Pat about these issues.

Summer Tuition Report
Robert shared his report in which the first recommended step is to grant in-state tuition to out-of-state graduate students in the summer. This would help increase minority student enrollment and decrease time to degree. There are not enough summer classes offered but tuition assistance would drive demand which would drive course offerings.

Other Business
The next meeting of the GSSDAC will be Friday, November 11 at noon. November’s online bio will be Mahmoud and December’s will be Alex.