In attendance: George Kubantsev (Economics), Lesley Derraugh (Gender Studies), Steve Kiraly (MPhil Humanities), Tanya Nielsen (Interdisciplinary PhD), Sharmane Allen (Geography), Shannon O’Rourke (Philosophy), Mariana Hernandez Hernandez (Linguistics).

Minutes (by Mariana Hernandez Hernandez, Carrie Dyck)

Immediate action items:

• (Carrie) Provide with a copy of the “Democratic rules of order”
• (Carrie) Email a copy of “The future of the PhD in the Humanities”
• Discuss Constitution and Bylaws at next meeting, and formal recognition by GSU

Potential projects / needs:
• Work on preparing an Information Package for future graduate students
• Work on compiling information on Comps guidelines from different departments
• Check different academic program reviews re graduate programs
• Create an identity for the Faculty of Arts graduate programs
• Prepare a letter stating our position on library cutting Academic Journals
• Have a workshop on how to apply for grants
• Navigating ethics review (ICEHR)
• Organize sport events to bring graduate students together
• Organize a thesis club to prevent ‘loneliness’ and ‘isolation’
• Take action to prevent mental health issues (e.g. anxiety) which are top issues for graduate students
• Post-degree services