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NAGPS Report – November 10-14, 2004

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Meeting #1

- EIU GSAC, as of November 11, has not paid its annual membership dues
- Dues are \$300.00

Meeting #2 – Dues Structure

- Extensive discussion regarding changing the fee structure to benefit institutions
 - The argument has been made that smaller schools, such as Eastern Illinois University, pay the same amount as large schools, such as Ohio State University. Some graduate organizations see this as unfair, since larger schools have more resources with which to pay the dues and receive more benefits since they have a larger student population.
 - The suggestion was made that a sliding scale be implemented for the next membership year. A variety of tables were presented.
 - The committee voted to present the following information to the Executive Board:
 - \$100 – Starting Organizations, all sizes
 - \$250 – Schools with graduate populations > 3,499
 - \$350 – Schools with graduate populations 3,500 – 7,999
 - \$500 – Schools with graduate populations 8,000 +
 - Information on status of dues structure not known at time of departure.

Meeting #3 – Regional Meeting

- State Representatives chosen
- Regional meeting discussed.
 - Regional Meeting will take place March 17-19 at Bowling Green State University in Ohio
- Discussion of what to present at regional meeting
 - Suggestions included
 - How to present a paper
 - How to coordinate a graduate studies conference
 - How to organize graduate students or form a union

Meeting #4 – Communication

- #1 topic was the website
 - BOD is dissatisfied with its current site owner and manager, but is locked into a contract until 2007. President is trying to work with manager to maintain a better site that provides better access to more information.
 - (in my personal opinion, the site does need to be updated much more often)
 - includes information about graduate health insurance offered through NAGPS, the Job Bank, and corporate partnerships.

Meeting #5 – Elections

- President – Tim Lant, RAND Graduate School
- Vice President – DeVina Hoyt, Washington State University
- Secretary and CIO - Keerti Chivukula, New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Financial Controller and CFO – Jason Franklin, Brigham Young University
- Ombuds Coordinator – Liz Giles, University of Miami