GSA Meeting Minutes September 09 2015

- First GSA of the school year
- Elected members:
 - Kate = president
 - Ethan + Nate = faculty liaisons
 - Marian = secretary
 - David = treasurer
- Committee Briefing:
 - Outreach Committee = puts on demonstrations or activities at the WID, public schools
 - Social Committee = plan fun group activities for GSA such as trivia nights, Broomball last spring, camping in the summer, help put together the Solstice party in late January / early February with the undergraduates, possible fundraising opportunities / crossover with the committee Grant Petty is putting together; already have October 3rd Picnic Point outing planned
 - <u>Curriculum Committee</u> = help faculty gather information about what courses students are interested in taking for planning a few years out. Need to hear back from faculty on if/how to poll new students
 - <u>Seminar Committee</u> = planning seminars, usually by just putting a schedule together with volunteered presentations; new idea to have grad students do 3-minute research presentation, possibly during spring semester seminars or during GSA meetings
 - Welcome Committee = hosts meals for prospective students in the spring, travels to AMS to recruit new students (travel grants available), puts together "Welcome Picnic" before fall semester, can answer questions new students have about housing, etc.; talk of changing prospective student meals to groups instead of individual visits
 - Graduation Committee = formed at this meeting, won't meet until springtime
- Additional Involvement:
 - Undergraduate Mentors: Marian will e-mail Nicole W., weigh options for adding new students to the roster
 - Fundraising for the department: e-mail Grant Petty if interested; opportunities to help put together events or sell swag