

**Graduate Administrators Council (GAC)**  
**Minutes for Thursday, January 19, 2012**  
**Koch Hall Board Room**  
**9:00 am to 10:30 am**

Attending: Brenda Neumon Lewis, Chair, Missy Barber, Chris Osgood, Deanne Shuman, Bob Case, Osman Akan, Ali Ardalan, Austin Jersild, Isao Ishibashi, Sharon Judge, David Selover, Mary Swartz, Richardean Benjamin

Guest Speakers: Kyonna Withers, President, Graduate Student Organization and Dan Campbell and Diane Cruz from Alumni Relations

**Approval of December 8, 2011 Minutes**

- Minutes were approved.

**Announcements/Updates**

- Graduate Student Organization Event – Thursday, January 26, 2012 – Ms. Kyonna Withers advised the group about the event featuring “Tim Lee – Bio-Comedian,” which will be held in Webb Center at 7:00 pm. The Office of Graduate Studies will sponsor a dessert reception immediately following the event

### **Discussion on Master's and Doctoral Graduation Reception**

- Dan Campbell from Alumni Relations led the discussion. Alumni Relations is looking for ways to improve or modify the current program to make it more appealing to students. Council members made suggestions regarding scheduling and recommending to students that they invite their GPD's or advisors to attend. It was also recommended that the GPD's and advisors promote the event and encourage students to come. It was determined to maintain the current time