This meeting was held prior to a formal dance to which all graduate students could purchase tickets. Reps or their substitutes were required to attend the meeting and could stay for the formal.

**Presentation of new logos and mission statement**

Presented by Charlena

**Introduction of the 2016-2016 executive board**

President: Tyler Allen  
Vice President of External Affairs: Melissa White  
Vice President of Internal Affairs: Doug Czajka  
Vice President of Academic Affairs: Jessica Nash  
Vice President of Public Relations: Caitlin Grimes  
Vice President of Communications: Taylor Simpson  
Treasurer: Federico Scholcover  
Secretary: Rachel Atkins

**Presentation of Representative of the Year award**

Announced by Jacob. The Representative of the Year was Jonathan Milward.

**Presentation of Committee Chair of the Year award**

Announced by Jacob. The Chair of the Year was Melissa White.

**Presentation of Best Practices award**

Announced by Doug. This award went jointly to the Entomology and Genetics Graduate Student Associations. Officers from both chapters described their organization’s practices.

- Fallon Fowler, current GSA rep from Entomology: Fall and spring symposia with national speakers, fundraising through sale of merchandise and donations from external sources -- industry.
- Meredith Spence, 2016-2017 rep for Entomology: Community service and outreach, for example through the Greenway, educational events with their live insect collection, and large festival-style events like Packapalooza; reached 1800 people last year. Engaged students with social events, happy hours, Halloween and holiday parties.
- Katherine Knudsen, vice president and GSA rep from Genetics: Chapter has a senior and junior president, allowing the vice president to be the GSA rep; the junior president
learns responsibilities and then becomes senior president. Recruitment every spring at the annual genetics symposium that shows students’ research.

Very Official transfer of the Gavel from past president Jacob Majikes to new president Tyler Allen

Followed by acceptance speech by Tyler; Jacob gave pins to the new executive officers with their titles.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.