Chair Unil Perera called the meeting to order at 1:48.

Last month’s minutes were approved without amendment.

Dr. Lisa Armistead presented a draft of the new graduate student policy, which hasn’t been revised since 2006. The new policy is largely in response to changes in federal law.

She pointed out several highlights:

1. The language on Title IX—which has to do with reporting sexual violence on campus. GTAs are, like faculty, required to report any allegations of such violence.
2. The new policy defines the types of assistantships we offer; GLAs have been eliminated as they are the same as GRAs.
3. Campus-wide, there is inconsistent FERPA training. At the moment, the training they receive meets the bare minimum (all GTAs receive a memo from her office), but there is no central office in charge of such training.
4. The caps and floors for stipends received the bulk of the discussion; there is little support for caps.

The discussion of stipends, caps, and floors also involved issues relating to student workload, the possibility of graduated scales for tuition waivers, and the complexities of putting graduate students and tuition waivers into grants.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27.

Respectfully submitted

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