The Rules
The Great Grad Debate will be held with each side assigning one of their team members to defend a position (Pro or Con) for each of 5 resolutions. As we have 11 people to a side, which means that one person will be given a position to go up against the opposition. A panel of Judges will mark each participant based on (a) the substance and presentation of their argument, (b) the ability to field questions.

The resolutions are all on science topics of popular interest, and each presentation can be no more than 3 minutes in length, with 2 minutes for questions from the audience. The use of Overheads is allowed.

The Resolutions
1) Manned exploration of outer space is a worthwhile goal for modern society.
2) Genetically modified foods should be introduced into widespread use immediately.
3) Hydrogen fueled cars will be a feasible alternative to fossil fuel-based alternatives in the next 10 years.
4) Unrestricted Mammalian Cloning should be allowed in the U.S.
5) The United States should more widely implement Nuclear power.

And finally, Team Α will present the Pro- position, and Team Ω will present the Con position on the resolution: “Employer required genetic screening for genetically-linked diseases is justified.”

The Format
Each speaker will give a presentation in turn, followed by an interval for questions. The order of speakers will be as follows: A break will occur after Round III.

Round I: Α, Pro Ω, Con Ω, Pro Α, Con
Round II: Ω, Pro Α, Con Α, Pro Ω, Con
Round III: … as Round I
Round IV: … as Round II
Round V: … as Round I
Round VI: Ω, Con Α, Pro

The Judges
Kevin Smith, Sean Elliott, Allison Moore, Lauren Wolf and Nolan McDougal

The Teams
Team Α
James Conley
Alicia Hitchcock
Leland Johnson
Qingnan Liu
Gulbenk Anarat
Abby Oelker
Julia Ruemmele
Will Youngsaye
Yun Zhang
Fang Bian
Andrew Germain

Team Ω
Jason Cournoyer
Tim Gay
Erica Knipp
Sie-Mun Lo
Renee Mullen
Su Pulcu
Lijuan Wang
Yong Zhang
Yi Mou
Patrick Cappillino
Stacy Rodgen
Breakdown of Teams and Resolutions

Resolution (1): "Manned exploration of outer space is a worthwhile goal for modern society."

Team Alpha  Pro: Fang Bian  Con: Andrew Germain
Team Omega  Pro: Yi Mou  Con: Sie-Mun Lo

Resolution (2): "Genetically modified foods should be introduced into widespread use immediately."

Team Alpha  Pro: Will Youngsaye  Con: Gulbenk Anarat
Team Omega  Pro: Timothy Gay  Con: Jason Cournoyer

Resolution (3): "Hydrogen fueled cars will be a feasible alternative to fossil fuel-based alternatives in the next 10 years."

Team Alpha  Pro: Julia Ruemmele  Con: Jim Conley
Team Omega  Pro: Erica Knipp  Con: Renee Mullen

Resolution (4): "Unrestricted Mammalian Cloning should be allowed in the U.S."

Team Alpha  Pro: Lee Johnson  Con: Alicia Hitchcock
Team Omega  Pro: Stacy Rodgen  Con: Su Pulcu

Resolution (5): "The United States should more widely implement Nuclear power."

Team Alpha  Pro: Abby Oelker  Con: Qingnan Liu
Team Omega  Pro: Yong Zhang  Con: Lijuan Wang

Resolution (6): "Employer required screening for genetically-linked diseases is justified."

Team Alpha  Pro: Yun Zhang  Con: Pat Capillino
Team Omega  Con: Pat Capillino