

HGSA Meeting Agenda
January 12, 2017
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Brian Stack called the meeting to order 9:00 AM.

Members Present

Brian Stack, Nick Martin, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Brianna Webb, David Bolingbroke, Taylor Hermsen, Matthias Baudinet, Taylor Smith, Melanie Reimann, Laura Briere, Kat Cassiere, Randy Powell

1. Officer's Reports

- a. Chair/Graduate Studies Rep.
 - i. Do your annual reviews, due February 15. Do program of study for MAs and first-year PhD students. Complete these as soon as possible.
 - ii. Check your reviews from Fall 2016 students via MyWSU. Take it seriously, and we will discuss how to make use of student feedback at another date.
 - iii. Send Pam your office hours.
 - iv. PDI Workshop is coming up, but don't feel pressured to go. Last year's was not well organized.
 - v. Dr. Spohnholz has a potential PhD student (Lucian Lopez) visiting on 1/23, and he wants other grad students to arrange a meeting, especially doctoral students. 8-10am on that day is the best time to meet. Karl volunteered to meet with him.
- b. Vancouver Rep.
 - i. Vancouver is ramping up having PhD students teach classes. Dongjo is teaching Chinese civilizations and Hans is teaching two RCI classes. This summer Carey will be teaching Southeast Asian history which will be AMS so she will be sending a flyer out to the Pullman campus in hopes that you all will promote the class. Maybe this increase of courses available to teach will encourage more students to transfer to the Vancouver campus. Carey also heard that a small health center is in the works here on campus. It won't be a full service health clinic like in Pullman but it is a vast improvement over nothing.
- c. Colloquium Rep:
 - i. New spring schedule is available and posted. Please check email for notification this week.
 - ii. Schedule is as follows:
 - 1. 1/13 – Applying to PhD programs. This is not a required colloquium, but highly recommended to any MA student interested in a PhD program. Led by Nick, Melanie, Randy, Brianna, and Karl (12-1pm).

2. 1/27 – Turning Your Research into a Book with Dr. Hatter (11:30-12:30pm). It is highly recommended that graduate students attend this as we have a faculty guest speaker.

iii. Other Upcoming Colloquiums:

1. Second norming session with Prof. Jordan
2. The job market with Dr. Wempe and Dr. Stratton
3. Presenting your research – intended as prep for conferences

iv. Topic Ideas: PhD Prelims

1. Email Karl with more ideas you have

d. GPSA Rep:

- i. On the board is an increase to Health and Wellness fees for all Student Health
 1. The proposal is a fee increase of \$20 per semester, which will bring the semester total to \$204.
 2. Asking for this because patient volume has increased 3x and more staff needed. They don't have enough people for the walk-in visits, and need building renovations. There isn't enough space to house counseling services.
 3. The resolution will be drawn up following vote in the next GPSA meeting

4. All present voted against

- ii. The PDI events are January 14 10am-12pm on the job market, and January 21 10am-12pm on interviewing.
- iii. 26 open senator spots in GPSA, with 18 applications so far. Applications open until January 13. Good for a CV.
- iv. Applications are due on 1/23 for the Research Expo, and the event is March 31st. An opportunity for grad students to present their work. There is about \$10,000 in awards for this event.
- v. Feb. 15th applications are due for GPSA excellence awards, for top TA, RA, GA or student instructor. Scholarship is worth \$1,000.
- vi. The University is asking state legislators to allow more textbook waivers/access for textbooks for free for entry level courses.

e. RCI Rep absent

- i. Supposed to help compile search terms for RCI TAs to help with source search.

f. Faculty Rep

- i. No meeting this week
- ii. Next Friday the meeting is on what to do with the Pettyjohn Scholarship
 1. David seems optimistic that grad students will have a role in using the funds
- iii. Next few meetings will be on grad student applications
- iv. It sounds like Dr. Kale will remain as the department Chair, and there will be an executive committee for issues that pertain to the chair.

g. MA Rep:

- i. Nothing to Report

h. PhD Rep:

- i. No representative
- 2. New Business:
 - a. Elect a PhD Representative
 - i. **All present in favor for Melanie**
 - b. Be aware of billing from the insurance provider. There is a plan brochure and a summary of health insurance coverage at www.studentinsurance.wsu.edu
 - i. Taylor S. says that the WA State Apple health insurance is a good fallback for those who cannot get covered.
 - c. Is the language test going back to the department? Seems unlikely, but the history department is aware of the issues that happened with the PhD students last semester.
 - d. MA rep and PhD rep are still looking out for possible funding.
 - i. pivot.cos.com is available, and sign in through WSU
 - ii. informer.or.wsu.edu links to funding searches, PIVOT, and internal WSU funding. Funding for humanities is limited, however.
 - iii. Have a colloquium on using PIVOT with Dr. Sutton?
 - iv. H.net.org is a very valuable resource. Has a bunch of listservs for various fields, including call for papers, book reviews, conferences, and funding notices.
- 3. Meeting adjourned 10:00 AM.