

HGSA Meeting Agenda
March 10, 2017
Wilson Short 333

Brian Stack called the meeting to order 9:00 AM.

Members Present

Brian Stack, Taylor Hermsen, Randy Powell, David Bolingbroke, Nick Martin, Taylor Smith, Brianna Webb, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Melanie Reimann, Kat Cassiere, Laura Briere, Sarah Beth Gumm, Matthias Baudinet, Carey McCormack, Sean Gilleran

1. Officer's Reports

a. Chair/Graduate Studies Rep

- i. RSO Affiliate Renewal: two officers need to attend to request future funding. Required to attend.
- ii. GPSA affiliate Funding ideas: potential of \$1,000
- iii. Department Office Access
 1. No, grad students cannot have access outside the typical office hours during the week.
- iv. Department Scholarships and Graduate Student Assessment
 1. Expect scholarship announcement around the first week of April
 2. Every year, the faculty wants to assess grad student work, sometimes with works from Historiography
 - a. Grad School wants this measured
- v. Reminder that we need a new chair next year
- vi. Elections Underway-Vote!
 1. Double check to see if you voted for every position
- vii. Gmail Shared Documents Folder
 1. Upload documents that would be of use to future cohorts (scholarship/grant applications, T-1s, D-1s, etc.)

b. Vancouver Rep

- i. Dan Kotin passed his D-1
- ii. Two Pullman students are moving to Vancouver
- iii. Talking about doing more hybrid classes in Vancouver (half in class, half online)

c. Colloquium Rep

- i. For the rest of the semester, there will be scheduled presentation practices.
 1. Time booked every Friday in the month of April from 12-1pm
 - a. If you would like to schedule earlier, let Karl know. Be sure to send materials to grad students beforehand.
 - b. Taylor is already scheduled for 3/22 9-10am
 - c. There will potentially be practice for a panel (Brianna, Karl, Dan K.), where attendance would be appreciated.
 - d. Karl will send out weekly reminders for the presentations
 2. New ideas for future Colloquium Rep

- a. The department is looking for a coordinator for the RCI TAs, which would teach professional development. The Colloquium Rep would schedule times for this employee—this would mean RCI colloquiums would be required for all TAs to attend.
- d. GPSA Rep
 - i. President's award had only one complete application. The deadline is today (3/10), so if you want to apply do it if you can.
 - ii. The Student Regent application is due today (3/10)
 - iii. The affiliate funding is now open, and Nick can handle the ideas for the funding.
 - iv. Special Elections will open after spring break for special director positions—a position where you represent an entire college, and where you will chair a board.
 - v. GPSA is looking for volunteers for a networking event on 3/29, directed towards undergrads interested grad school programs
 - vi. 3/21—Etsi Bravo night
 - vii. GPSA voting closed, and Brittany Wood will be the director for the CAS
 - viii. Travel grant applications are not open, and will be opened two weeks before the deadline (TBD).
 - 1. Summer Travel grants are open June through August
 - a. Conference travel is preferred
 - ix. Healthcare—new company, but same coverage
 - 1. There may be delays in billing, like what happened during the transition at the beginning of this year.
 - x. Professional Development: Dinner for the Dual-Couple Professionals, March 28th, 5-6:30pm Butch's Den
- e. RCI Rep
 - i. The RCI meeting was cancelled this month
 - ii. New administrative position, which will handle the organizing, and handle TAs for RCI. Extensive training for TAs will be introduced. Clinical faculty member will take this position.
 - iii. Two new postdocs will be hired.
 - iv. Meeting next month, and Sean will answer any questions you might have.
 - v. There is an effort to find a way to increase communication between TAs and the instructors.
- f. Faculty Rep
 - i. The last two meetings included discussion on the Pettyjohn fund
 - 1. \$30,000 in total—Grad students get 25% of the funds. There is also 10% that is applied to extra projects.
 - ii. Tenure track position is open in Vancouver.
- g. MA Rep
 - i. Thesis/Dissertation formatting template will be available in the HGSA Gmail account
- h. PhD Rep
 - i. Melanie is working on trying to find funding opportunities

2. New Business

- a. Meeting in April for new positions, and make sure to vote!