

HGSA Meeting Agenda
April 10, 2017
Wilson Short 333

Brian Stack called the meeting to order 1:00 PM

Members Present

Ryan Booth, Taylor Smith, Brianna Webb, Nick Martin, Brian Stack, Matthias Baudinet, Randy Powell, Laura Briere, Kat Cassiere, Carey McCormack.

1. Officer's Reports

- a. Chair/Graduate Studies Rep
 - i. RSO Affiliate Renewal
 1. renewal is necessary, and preferably to be attended by the HGSA president to familiarize themselves with the process.
 - ii. Gmail shared document folder is still open for all pertinent documents.
 - iii. Funding disbursement dates
 1. Concerns with funding that won't be distributed for summer research may be able to be solved by emailing Dr. Sutton.
 - iv. Prepare for summer—last pay day is May 25th. After that grad students won't get paid until Sept. 11th.
 - v. Keep an eye out for updates from Melanie, the new HGSA president
 1. Orientation dates are unknown at this point, but it's usually the Monday before courses start.
 2. TA contracts will be arriving at the end of the semester
 3. If you want to be a grad student mentor for incoming students, please volunteer.
- b. Vancouver Rep
 - i. Showcase is next week
 - ii. Two grad students transferring to Vancouver
- c. Colloquium Rep
 - i. Sent out schedule via email for April presentation dates.
 - ii. Dr. Katy Fry wants to work with the Colloquium rep on how to coordinate training for RCI TAs
- d. GPSA Rep
 - i. Green Dot Violence Training—Violence Prevention: April 24 12-3pm in the CUB
 - ii. This Fall, possibility of rescinding the life-time learning credit. Potential consequences of this action would be that taxes will be placed on tuition waivers, which could increase tuition costs.
 - iii. Soccer Tournament: April 29th 10am-5pm, \$400 Cougar Cash reward for winning team
 - iv. City of Pullman: go to www.pullman2040.org on what your ideal Pullman is for the year 2040.

- v. New VP of Student Affairs is hoping to reform downtown to suit student needs. On the campus, have more mobility and foreign language access.
 - vi. Travel grants for traveling this summer
 - 1. Geared towards conferences, and you need proof of participation; but apply with research expenses just in case there are extra funds to give out.
 - 2. Keep travel receipts, and upload on 'Zoom,' the new system GPSA is using, but first make sure you block out any names on the receipts so that they are anonymous. Talk to Nick if you have questions on the new system.
 - 3. There is a higher summer funding budget, and some roll over from the fall funding
 - 4. Jan 6 to April 14, and April 15 to start of school are the travel dates.
 - vii. April 19th 12-2PM ice cream social at Ferdinand's
 - viii. April 13th journal cancellation forum, 2-3PM in Terrell 20E
 - 1. Reps from the library will be there to discuss solutions or ideas.
 - ix. Learning to Liberate learning workshop
 - 1. Lecture/group activity session geared towards the STEM fields
 - 2. \$65 April 14-16
 - x. WSU Powwow: April 15 9AM to 6PM Smith Gym
 - e. RCI Rep: Not Present
 - i. Start nominating students for the RCI conference
<https://history.wsu.edu/rci/undergraduateresearchconference/>
 - 1. Mentor your former student for the conference—helps with students' confidence and looks great on your CV
 - f. Faculty Rep: Not Present
 - i. Nothing to report
 - g. MA Rep
 - i. Three MA students passed their defense this semester
 - h. PhD Rep: Not Present
 - i. Nothing to report
2. New Business
- a. Electing a new agenda committee executive board by the Agenda Committee Representatives for 2017-2018.
 - i. Secretary: Taylor Smith nominated, seconded, elected unanimously
 - ii. Chair: Melanie Reimann, nominated, seconded, elected unanimously