

## Meeting 11/13

Melanie:

- Register for classes.
- Statement on Chan Departure:
  - o Draft language sent out today.
  - o Brian — Raised question based on how the wording might come off to faculty.
    - Issue of whether we are speaking on behalf of students, or an organization of students complaining against faculty.

Nick:

- Visitors in previous meeting.
  - o Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences
    - Made statement, not allowed to ask questions.
    - Fairly boilerplate message about website improvement.
    - Do now offer emergency loans from CAS. Ideal for dental emergency, things not covered by insurance, etc. Ranging from \$100-a few hundred dollars.
  - o Daily Evergreen
    - Looking for a graduate student on staff.
    - Editors, writers, and columnist positions available, all paid positions.
- Open committee positions in GPSA.
  - o Historical Preservation Committee
- “BetterHelp Teleservices”
  - o Call-in, Skype, texting counseling services. 100% covered. Must sign-up through health services website to use.
  - o Available to undergraduate students.
- Union Update
  - o Not worth it for any of the humanities. Would result in net loss of approximately 20% in our income.
  - o Strong possibility that sciences will move forward with unionization.
  - o Consensus across the humanities—if GPSA chooses to unionize, likely that humanities will exit organization.
- Tax Reform
  - o See Nick’s email on the subject.
  - o Senate version of the bill much more likely to pass (according to source close to high-ranking congressional Republican).
  - o Make phone calls to congress-people.
  - o National Alliance for the Humanities: Has forms by which you can contact representatives on these and other issues.

Karl:

- As of next year, will be the only TA left at Vancouver. Expect email soon asking for ABDs to transition westward.

Brian:

- 1677 views on blog.
- Still need a post for the end of the month, another for December.
- January and February covered, more spots available in March.
- Thursday next week — Brian hosting department Thanksgiving.

Kat:

- Colloquium on November 27<sup>th</sup>, Hatter leading, on fellowship applications. 12pm, Wilson-Short 333.

Randy:

- Continued interest in graduate student opinions on possible faculty transfer.
- Current TA funding assured, by way of Dr. Sutton.

New Business:

- “The Website Issue”
  - o Should we reexamine the quality of the grad school profiles? Consider adding CV’s, etc. to profiles.