

HGSA Meeting

Members Present:

Melanie, Amy, Ryan, Sarah Beth, Brian, Nick, Matthias, Kevin, J.T., Craig Summers

Melanie

- Elections in March
- Updated, shortened letter regarding Dr. Chan going to Dr. Sutton for revision. Hopefully going out at the end of this week.
- Seeking input from new students about their first semester at WSU.

Nick

- Last GPSA meeting on previous Monday.
- Travel grants, apps close Jan. 8th. Travel goes through Jan. 5th. More stringent on trips that take place during Christmas break, but should consider applying if relative research possible at home.
- GPSA Research Expo—not until March. Abstracts due Jan. 22nd. Upped the ante—1st place gets \$1000, 2nd \$600, good line on CV.
- Excellence awards—apps close in February. \$500 award. The most relevant for us is the “TA” award. Nominate yourself.
- Etsy Bravo night: December 7th, 7-9pm. Advised to get there at 6:30pm, as the event gets very crowded. Free food, drink specials.
- General stipend update: Some programs received subsidies. Only losing about \$250 as opposed to \$537.
- Graduating students: Do look into Apple Care. You most likely qualify, and it’s a good program.
- Mary Jo Gonzalez: VP of Student Affairs—apparently did not do well at responding to questions. Why cuts are necessary: When new buildings were constructed, did not factor in maintenance or upkeep costs for structures. “Schultz is first and foremost a fundraiser for this university?” Gonzalez claiming her job is to help us with these issues, not to bother administration at large.
- Grading deadline—Tuesday, December 19th. Check with professors about when they want final grades. Most faculty want them 24-hours before that deadline.

Taylor

- Very positive progress in response to Professor Chan situation. Much accomplished for the next generation of TAs.

Karl

- As of now, Karl appears to be the only TA in Vancouver next year.

Sarah Beth

- “Nobody died.”

Brian

- Blog reached over 2000 hits.

