

HGSA Minutes – April 2018

Members Present

Melanie Reiman, Matthias Baudinet, Laura Briere, Elisha Madison, Taylor Hermesen, Kevin Kipers, Josh Johnson, J. T. Menard, Sam Fleisher, Sam Edgerton, Brian Stack, Zach Hagadone, Katrina Cassiere, Taylor Smith

Melanie

- Register for classes ASAP so Dr. Sutton can prepare the new T. A. schedule.
- Remember – final paycheck goes out on May 25th.
- Keep a look out for peer mentorship opportunities—often provide useful work for the summer months.

Karl

- Carrie McCormick passed her dissertation defense.
- Other defenses by Vancouver students forthcoming.
- As of now, no one will fill the Vancouver rep position for the 2018/19 school year.
 - o Possible that Fred may fill the position, but uncertain.

Sarah Beth

- HIST 525 will host a mock conference on Thursday (4/19). All are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Brian

- One more blog post still needed to round out the year.
- From twelve posts, the blog has received over 4,800 views.
- Graduating MA's are encouraged to adapt their theses into a blog post.

Kat

- Daniel Vikerin with the graduate school will host a colloquium on formatting theses and dissertations, to be held Friday (4/20) at 12pm.

Other Business

- A conversation took place regarding people's experience with the HGSA. The topic turned to the relatively low attendance at some meetings. Members provided various ideas on how to improve attendance in the future:
 - o Many use Fridays as a personal work day, and a noon meeting made this infeasible.
 - o Organizers should consider the possibility of morning meetings (8:00am)
 - o Organizers should consider family needs, such as childcare.

- Organizers should provide earlier notification of meetings, and ensure that all notifications reach appropriate parties.
- Organizers should try to stack HGSA meetings with other department events, discussion, etc. since students are already on campus for those gatherings.