

HGSA
General Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 27th, 2008

Members Present: Laura Arata, Lesley Moerschel, Cherri Wemlinger, Cynthia Wiecko, Lee Ann Hall, Jennifer Brown, Loreli Sterling, Nathan Roberts, Aaron Welchel (via phone).

Meeting called to order, 12:15 pm.

Elections—

- Elections Committee: Cynthia Wiecko and Nick Conrad
- Vancouver nominations will be accepted via email
- Actual ballots will be returned in hard copy form

Unionization—

- No official news has been received yet; were expecting to hear something over the summer, but didn't
- UAW did NOT have 70% approval from the student body through the "interest" cards that were originally signed and returned.
- **170 cards were revoked after various attempts to get the word out were made, including our Under the Big Tent Debate on the mall, bringing the total even farther below 70%.**
- Students who have left cannot be counted, so UAW will have to call everyone who completed cards in order to see who can be counted.
- The only option for UAW now would be to have an election; these generally do not go well, with UAW losing approximately 55% nation wide.
- Ballots would have to be mailed in hard copy, not online.
- On June 12th, 2008, we went from being classified as "students" to being classified as "workers," so we can now be approached by other unions.
- AFL-CIO has recently requested employment information for all non-student hourly employees.
- Current attempts are being made to unionize AP staff by the Teachers Union
- Our department along with many others was decertified in 2005, and the deadline after new union proponents can approach staff is coming up, which may lead to further interest by other unions.
- The At What Cost group is drafting an article for a peer journal.

Registered Student Organization Status for HGSA—

- Approved, but officers for HGSA will have to go through training; the current Director of Graduate Studies is our advisor (currently Dr. Pietz).
- Some things are due in September, and others in October, i.e., a copy of our current bylaws, budget proposal, list of officers, etc.
- We need to set up a student activity account at WSECU.
- Budget requests over \$500 possible, but must go before entire GPSA senate for a vote.

- Perks: free advertising on NWPR, in Evergreen, 30% off copies, option to hold fundraisers, etc.
- RSO website and other duties will need to be assigned to someone on the new HGSA executive committee, perhaps the GPSA representatives; Nathan will take care of these duties during the interim before the results of our general election (in progress).
- Funding request ideas:
 - o Office supplies, binders, copy money, etc., events with Vancouver students, lectures, committee t-shirts, etc.
- Possibility of doing something at the NW World History Conference in Vancouver in October?
- National and International grants are available and we have an excellent chance of getting them, provided we can show some public benefit by our proposed events (i.e. a lecture series or guest speaker).
 - o HGSA can also partner with other RSO groups to pool funding for events that are particularly expensive, i.e., the Foley Institute, Social Sciences Organization, etc.

General Election: September 8th—10th, 2008.

Next meeting scheduled for Friday, September 12th at 12:10 pm, when results of the General Election will be announced.

Meeting adjourned, 1:00 pm.

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