

## HGSA MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2004

### **PRESENT:**

James Covi (GPSA Rep.), Michael Evans (Non-Funded Rep.), Jon Flashnick (M.A. Rep.), Mark Gottschalk (At-Large Rep.), Amy Harrington (Faculty Rep.), Heidi Kyle (GPSA Rep.), Maryanne Rhett (Ph.D. Rep.), Amanda Van Lanen (Grad. Studies Rep.), Christina Balam, Amitava Chowdhury, Armand Garcia, Lee O'Conner, Aaron Wheelchel

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 1) Amy Harrington voiced an absent student's request that grad students be given copy codes to be used for copying materials for non-TA classes.
- 2) Amy Harrington announced that the department will be choosing a new chair and will be hiring a Western American and South Asian historian by the end of the academic year.
- 3) GPSA Report
  - Rep. Covi reminded the students of benefits provided by GPSA, including the grad student computer labs and discount copy cards.
  - Rep. Rhett suggested that GPSA provide funding for grad students to attend conferences at which they are not presenting.
  - Rep. Van Lanen suggested that GPSA repeal the newly imposed limit on copy cards.
  - Armand Garcia suggested that GPSA funding be divided by division.
  - It was agreed that the health care plan needs more improvements.
- 4) Amitava Chowdhury, Jon Flashnick, and Mark Gottschalk were appointed to a committee to revise the HGSA by-laws.
- 5) Future HGSA meeting will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays, alternating between 12noon and 1pm in order to allow all Agenda Committee members to attend and to increase grad student attendance.
- 6) A Colloquium Committee will be formed to represent the grad students' interests regarding specifically attendance policies and grad student participation in the colloquium series, as well as general concerns about colloquium.
- 7) Constituent Concerns
  - Armand Garcia wondered if the faculty computers being replaced might be donated to the grad students in order to provide more computer access on the third floor of Wilson.
  - Lee O'Conner asked for clarification on the language requirement.

Called to order at 3:06pm

Adjourned at 3:54pm

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