

# **HGSA**

## **Meeting Minutes**

### **October 26 2006**

**12:10**-meeting called to order by Chair, Maryanne Rhett

**Officers Present**-Maryanne Rhett, Pat King, Marie Reed, Lynette Scriver, Cherri Wemlinger and Lee Ann Hall

**Officers Absent**-Paul Fisher and Lindsey Bell

**Item 1**-Maryanne Rhett (faculty representative) reported on the faculty meeting she attended on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

- Six nominees have been put forward for the position of Department Chair. Once the candidates have accepted the nomination, each nominee will give a presentation to the department. Graduate students are encouraged to attend these presentations and will be given a voice in the selection.

- Two new courses are being added:

A 400 level course entitles "The Great War" will be taught by Brigit Farley (WSU-TC) this course may be offered via WHETS or alternatively graduate students can arrange with Dr. Farley to take the course as a 597.

Ian Wendt will offer a 200 level course on South East Asia, "From Vietnam to Indonesia".

- Additionally, Maryanne relayed an apology from the faculty to the graduate students for the inadvertent e-mails.

**Item 2**- Maryanne Rhett reported on a U of W history graduate student who is hoping to organize a statewide Graduate Student Conference sometime within the academic year.

- The details of the conference were discussed among those present. And Maryanne called for a vote.

- The assembly voted to pursue possible participation in the conference and Jackie Dumin volunteered to take charge of organizing the HGSA effort on this issue.



**Item 3-** Cherri Wemlinger (Colloquium Representative) reported on the current challenges of Colloquium.

- Cherri reported that Dr. Kale is uncertain if Colloquium will continue in the future as part of the history graduate student program. She also suggested that the HGSA and the graduate students spearhead the effort to fill the Colloquium schedule for next semester.
- Maryanne briefly outlined the creation of and subsequent changes in Colloquium for all those unfamiliar with the programs history.
- All present were in agreement that the HGSA should encourage 2<sup>nd</sup> year Masters students and PhD students to present their research next semester. And Cherri volunteered to send out e-mails to graduate students inviting them to speak next semester. Additionally, the assembly agreed that HGSA should extend personal invitations to professors to present on professional topics of interest such as: CV writing, interviewing skills, job searches, how to get work published and non-academic careers in history.

**Item 4-** Marie Reed and Pat King (GPSA Representatives) reported on the last GPSA meeting.

- GPSA had a guest speaker from Cougar Athletics who was interested in how to raise graduate student attendance at athletic events. Pat and Marie asked if the assembly had any ideas.
- The assembly had no suggestions.

**12:50-** Maryanne Rhett moved to adjourn, Pat King seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

**LH**