

Executive Meeting October 28, 2009

- I. Attendance: Paul, Jen, Cherri, Beth, Nathan, Mandy
- II. Grad Studies Committee-Jen
 - a. Will do early assessment for foreign language exams to deal with problems.
 - b. Asked about funding for summer studies-asked Ray who will check with grad studies and they'll discuss at next meeting.
 - c. May have to put together proposal.
 - d. Will send email for informational meeting about this.
- III. Colloquium- still doing next semester only or should we do both? Most people don't have anything to present on at beginning of fall semester.
- IV. TA Rep-Cherri
 - a. A lot of resistance to TA uniform policy from some faculty because of implications that there might be some responsibility for what TA's are doing in regards to professional development.
 - b. Going to require engagement from TA's to get this done.
 - c. Heather wants more professional development rather than just grading experience.
 - d. Surveys: some TA's want to lead discussion groups, all respondents wanted consistency of grading assignments
 - i. Technically only supposed to work 20 hours a week so if have heavy grading load you're working more than that.
 - ii. Grade inflation problems
 - e. Conflict resolution-need 3rd party arbitrator
 - f. Need for better assessments for TA's
 - i. Assessments from students to help us evaluate ourselves
 - ii. Ability to evaluate classroom environment
 - iii. Couch it in terms of benefitting the students.
 - iv. Could do these through Angel-could offer some incentive to get them to fill out surveys
 - g. End of semester evals from professors: we don't get to see them, shouldn't we be able to see them?
 - i. Can they put these in our files without letting us see them and sign off?
 - ii. What's the point of having an eval without seeing it in terms of professional development?
 - iii. Legally, not sure that they can withhold that from us.
 - h. After come up with uniform policy would like to have meeting
 - i. Nathan: could vote on through HGSA to give consensus
 - ii. As soon as get draft, send to Exec board, then onto TA's, then vote.
- V. MA Rep Report: Mandy-nothing
- VI. Faculty: Beth
 - a. Bringing Japanese historian candidates in next semester
 - b. Approved final draft of new PhD new track system

- c. New gender/sexuality in American history courses.
 - i. Some cross discipline studies with American Studies department
 - ii. Not sure what semester these will be offered.

VII. GPSA: Nathan

- a. Wylie Exposition coming up-need judges
 - i. Paul will ask Dr. Thigpen
- b. Trying to prevent demolition of Kamiak Apts-have stalled but not going very well
 - i. Worried about displacing students
 - ii. Is least expensive apt building on campus-will be more expensive once rebuilt
 - iii. High international grad student population

VIII. Beth: can we ask the department for money to donate to sociology lab so that we can print down there

- a. Paul: could we buy our own printer?
 - i. Nathan: would be more difficult because we'd need IT, another computer
- b. Subsidizing sociology lab would probably be more effective.
- c. Send 2 requests: one for \$ for sociology lab, language exam money (Nathan)
 - i. Don't know how much would take to donate to sociology lab to regain usage.

IX. Next general meeting will be Nov. 18th at 9am.

X. Beth will do research on sociology lab possibilities. Nathan will handle language exam proposal.

XI. Meeting adjourned 9:47am.