

HGSA General Meeting

November 18, 2009

9am

- I. Attendance: Jen, Mandy, Laura, Andrea, Nathan, Adam, Paul, Torsten, Cherri, Kaci, Beth
- II. Meeting called to order 9:05
- III. TA Rep-Cherri: update on TA uniform policy
 - a. Approved through GenEd committee (job description, responsibilities of TA's, what professors can expect of us)-overwhelmingly approved
 - b. Cherri should get a copy over Thanksgiving break
 - i. Wants us to see it and put in our opinion
 - ii. Thoughts on how to disseminate to grad students?
 1. The only thing Cherri can see being a problem is that there isn't an assignment limit but an hour limit-Heather hasn't made it through all the GenEd syllabi yet
 2. Cherri will email week after Thanksgiving break to all Gen Ed TA's graduate students-we can send comments to Cherri
 3. Paul has questions about hour limit on assignments rather than assignment limit
 4. Have next meeting Wednesday after break
 5. Adam: reward at end of semester to recognize our professional development?
 - c. There will be 2 Clickers tutorials in December with Theresa Jordan
- IV. Grad Studies Rep: Jen
 - a. Foreign Lang Exam: Dr. Sun hasn't met with foreign lang dept yet
 - i. Asked Ray if there would be \$\$ for foreign lang training-handout
 1. Asked for payment of first exam, help pay for summer courses (due to lack of funding during the summer-lack of upper division language courses), include language software (Rosetta Stone)
 2. Call for motion to approve letter to be submitted to Dept and Grad Studies Committee
 - a. Laura motioned to approve-unanimous approval
 - b. Jen will make changes and send to Ray
 - b. Revision of MA program-need feedback from email Jen sent out earlier in week
 - c. WETZ/AMS
 - i. Background: came up b/c Vancouver needs World Civ TA's, PhD students might go before coursework finished
 1. Faculty here worried about increase of WETZ courses which might cheapen the experience
 - ii. Feedback: has received feedback from most Vancouver students, positive and negative feedback
 1. Quality of experience ranges greatly

- iii. Solution options: suggest work on quality, maybe create sub-committee with Peabody and students
 - 1. Better advising for students who do not want to take WETZ classes
 - 2. If have to offer more WETZ courses dept should develop more alternatives
 - 3. Meeting with Vancouver students more often will foster better grad community
 - 4. Grad students need to retain autonomy
 - 5. Nathan: suggest digital workshop for professors who might teach WETZ course-probably issue for sub-committee

V. Colloquium: Kaci

- a. Going off what Lorelei did last year-suggestions?
- b. Jen: could we hook up AMS for Vancouver to participate
 - i. In future should spread it out over the year so it's not so congested in the spring
- c. Nathan: begin compiling list of presenters for next semester
 - i. Send email for people to reserve their spot, signature sheet in office
 - ii. Should add some of this to the bylaws for structure
 - iii. Noon on Wednesdays (not first or last week of courses)

VI. MA Rep: Mandy

- a. Will spread the word for people to respond to Jen's email about the MA program

VII. PhD Rep: Torsten

- a. Nothing to report

VIII. Faculty Rep: Beth

- a. History 540 will be offered in spring, no prof yet
- b. Dr. Sun has met with many grad students but still needs to meet with others
- c. History of sexuality course on hold pending discussion with women's studies-probably won't be offered next semester
- d. Creation of University College: where does world civ fit in?
 - i. For undergrads
- e. 5 year hiring priorities
 - i. Faculty expressing preferences/gripes
 - ii. Cross roads of dept-debate on department's philosophy
 - 1. Capitalize on potential or go with what's working
 - a. Typically very strong in American history but now world civ doing very well
 - 2. Discussion tabled

IX. GPSA: Nathan and Paul

- a. Nothing to report really
- b. Will be 8 football tickets available to dept-see Nathan

X. Meeting adjourned 9:52

- a. Meeting tentatively scheduled for Wed after Thanksgiving-wait till after Cherri sends out document

Adam-grad students coming to Pullman to meet up (possible graduate colloquim)