

HGSA
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19th, 2008

Members Present: Laura Arata, Lesley Moerschel, Amanda Van Lanen, Amy Canfield, Katy Fry, Paul Fisher, Caleb Sparks, Marc Entze, Nick Conrad, Lee Ann Hall, Cherri Wemlinger, Nathan Roberts, Todd Mosebar.

Meeting called to order, 12:05 pm.

Bylaws—

- Description for at-large position brought into question
- Need for a description of the new colloquium representative.
- Amy stated that the at-large position was slipped in without a formal vote—it is not clear that we need this position.
- Do we need to have a non-funded representative?
- If Tri-Cities decides to add a graduate studies program, do we need to write in a position? Or should we handle this when it comes up?
- Todd recommended issuing a memo to this effect.
- Also recommended that this is put into the newsletter.
- Amy motioned to suspend the bylaws and vote on the elimination of at-large and non-funded representative positions since a quorum was present at the meeting.
- Nick objected on the grounds that the non-funded representative (Lynette Scriver) was not present and could not voice her opinion.
- The motion to move to a vote was seconded and the vote taken, with Paul and Nick opposing.
- Motion passed to recommend to the bylaws committee that these positions be eliminated from the HGSA general bylaws.
- Discussion followed, and general feeling was that the bylaws are badly in need of revision anyway.
- Lee Ann proposed forming a committee to work on the bylaws.
- Changes will be discussed and voted on at the next general meeting.
- The committee will be Laura Arata, Nathan Roberts, Lee Ann Hall, and Lesley Moerschel.
- Lesley will send out an email to open up the discussion to other history grad students.

U.S Since 1920 Candidate Search—

- Amanda reported that Matthew Sutton was generally considered the first choice for the position, with Carroll and Frank ranking second and third.
- A vote was taken to approve the ranking; motion unanimously passed.

Other Candidate Searches—

- U.S. Women's Search—May ranked first choice, Koppelson second; Sachs not considered a suitable candidate

- Africa/World Search—Tishken ranked first choice, Jennings second, Efeta not considered a suitable candidate.
- Endowed Chair Search—Fiege ranked first, Hyde second.

New Graduate Studies Representative—

- Amy motioned to suspend the election procedures outlined in the bylaws and hold a vote with the quorum present, and nominated Amanda Van Lanen for the position.
- Amy will take Amanda's place on the elections committee.
- Nathan seconded the motion.
- A vote was taken and unanimously passed—motion approved.

Colloquium—

- Needs to be considered and a position added to the bylaws by the committee. Note that this person will also be on the faculty committee.
- If the faculty committee will not work for grad students, we should consider putting something in the bylaws to have HGSA facilitate a program for grad students who wish to present their research.

GPSA Report—

- Nathan reported on the formation of the union discussed in the last general meeting.
- GPSA has formed a committee to inquire into the union formation proceedings.
- The union representatives had enough signatures to sent their motion through to the legislature, but will come back to the general body of graduate students for a vote.

Meeting adjourned, 12:45 pm.

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Old Business-

- Colloquium
- Vancouver Representative position

New Business-

- Candidate searches
- New course offered for Grad students- HIST 561
- Election of interim Graduate Studies Representative position
- Revision of HGSA bylaws
- Revision of HGSA officer position descriptions
- Establishment of permanent General Meeting times