

## HGSA MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2003

### **PRESENT:**

Jeff Johnson (Faculty Rep.); Mathias Bergmann (Grad. Studies Rep.); Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.); Carli Schiffner (GPSA Rep.); Jon Middaugh (Ph.D. Rep.); Robin Payne (M.A. Rep.); Nichola Harris (Non-Funded Rep.); Benjamin Edward Baughman; Andres AC Caicedo; Laurie Carlson; Summer Hahn; Aubrey Lafferty; Shirley Stephens, Michelle Tabit

### **OFFICERS ABSENT:**

None.

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### 1) Johnson's report from the Faculty Meetings:

##### A) Five-Year Plan:

- Create an Africanist position
- Develop high-caliber World History Program
- Attract more graduate students from non-American fields

##### B) Public History Search

- Narrowed the search down to six candidates, four of whom received on-campus interviews
- Ranked as follows
  1. Hochfelder, Ph.D. Case Western
  2. Crimen, Ph.D., Loyola
  3. Clements, Ph.D ASU
  4. Milsch, ABD Loyola
  5. Frehner, ABD U OK
  6. Gruen, ABD Cal. Berk
- Stephens inquired whether or not the search committee would hold a presentation regarding what makes a good and bad application for graduate students. Johnson stated he would look into that.

#### 2) Reports from the GPSA

##### A) Pullman Transit issues

- Proposed expansion of services and routes, including 2-way bus routes and campus shuttle
- Proposal requires increases in funding, looking to add a \$15 bus fee to mandatory fees paid by students— will go up at least by \$10 without proposal
- Alternate funding source is user fee per rider, possibly 50 cents.
- Caused a ruckus within HGSA, individuals posed several questions that the GPSA Reps. will pass on to the GPSA

##### B) Ethics Committee and Symposium

- Committee seeking TA's to participate in panels regarding academic integrity at WSU
- Contact John Kicza, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
- Symposium Dates: March 5-7, 2003
- Numerous panels/workshops daily



- 3) Several students reported concerns since the start of the semester to various officers regarding grading positions offered by the History Department. Concerns centered on undergraduates receiving grading positions while graduate students seeking grading positions were overlooked.
- 4) Shirley Stephens urged all teaching assistants working with GenEd course to familiarize themselves with Dr. Richard Law, Director of General Education. She further proposed arranging a meeting with Law and the HGSA to spur further communication between TA's and the GenEd Program. HGSA accepted her proposal and she'll arrange the meeting.
- 5) The survey of graduate student/candidate teaching opportunities is underway and will be discussed further at the next meeting— a committee will be formed to organize the data

Called to order: 12:05  
Adjourned: 12:55