

HGSA MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 2003

PRESENT:

Jeff Johnson (Faculty Rep.); Mathias Bergmann (Grad. Studies Rep.); Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.); Carli Schiffner (GPSA Rep.); Robin Payne (M.A. Rep.); Andres Caicedo; Laurie Carlson; Shirley Stephens, Michelle Tabit

OFFICERS ABSENT:

Nichola Harris (Non-Funded Rep.)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1) Johnson's report from the Faculty Meetings:

A) *Final Vote on Public Search*

- The Faculty voted to bring in a fourth candidate to interview for the position, but the individual had already accepted a position elsewhere.
- The Faculty convened again and voted to end the current search and start anew in the Fall of 2003, which raised a question regarding the priority rankings of the new Public search and the Africanist search that was already scheduled to commence next fall
- One motion was put forth to hire an adjunct for the Public History position and to proceed with the Africanist search
- On April 25th, after much discussion and debate, the faculty decided on a 10-9 vote to place the Public History search as the first priority

B) *Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate (CID):*

- The Dean of Liberal Arts and the Chair of the Department has requested that our department apply for participation in the Carnegie Initiative on the Doctorate
- This is an initiative to have departments in a number of fields, including history, critically evaluate the way they train Ph.D. students and communicate with other participating departments to develop "experimental" and practical approaches to improve doctoral training
- The Graduate Studies Committee has asked graduate students for feedback regarding ways the Doctoral Program at WSU can be developed further. All feedback should be forward to HGSA Graduate Studies Rep Mathias D. Bergmann by 5pm May 1st
- For more information about the CID see:
<http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/CID>

C) *Required Course Enrollment Numbers:*

- The Catalog Subcommittee recently rejected the department's new structure for graduate field course and seminars created to accommodate the Dean's imposition of enrollment minimums this past year
- The Graduate School also repudiated the enrollment minimums required by College of Liberal Arts and reinstituted the 10 undergraduate or 5 graduate student minimum.