

HGSA MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2003

PRESENT:

Jeff Johnson (Faculty Rep.), Mathias Bergmann (Grad. Studies Rep.), Carli Schiffner (GPSA Rep.), Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.), Robin Payne (M.A. Rep.), Nichola Harris (Non-Funded Rep.), Benjamin Baughman, Andres Caicedo, Laurie Carlson, Michael Egan, Aubrey Lafferty, Mary Jane Maxwell, Michelle Tabit.

OFFICERS ABSENT:

Jon Middaugh (Ph.D. Rep.)—Reserve unit called up for war.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1) Public History Search and HGSA Vote

- HGSA voted to offer the Public History position to Dennis Cremin, with five members abstaining for a lack of knowledge of the candidates or, in one case, for dissatisfaction with all three candidates. Below is the final count (including three proxy votes):

Gruen	0
Frehner	5
Cremin	6
<i>Abstain</i>	5

- HGSA unanimously voted that it would support interviewing a fourth candidate if the faculty discussed that option—with some requesting a whole new slate.

2) Grading Positions

- The HGSA unanimously approved a drafted letter regarding the graduate school's position and policy on undergraduates holding grading positions.

3) GPSA Report:

- The GPSA urged all graduate students to attend the OGRD workshops coming up—Dr. Kale recently distributed an e-mail with details
- The Health and Wellness center is looking for graduate student representatives, please contact Amy Harrington for more information

4) Graduate Student Teaching Survey

- The HGSA examined the recently compiled survey on past opportunities for advanced doctoral students to independently teach classes.
- Based on the results, it was agreed that no action needs to be taken at this time
- A copy of the survey is available in the HGSA files in the main office and the current HGSA urges members in the future to keep this information up to date

Called to order: 2:48

Adjourned: 3:40

2) Letter from Dean Steven Burkett Regarding Undergraduate TA's

- Dean Burkett simply stated that the use of monies allocated for TA positions is entirely up to departmental discretion, but that the graduate School does encourage departments to give graduate students first priority
- His response can be found in the HGSA files
- HGSA decided to postpone taking the issue further as it seems that the concerns of the HGSA have been aired.

3) Discussion of Advanced Graduate Students Teaching their Own Courses

- A Ph.D. Candidate asked that the HGSA discuss requesting internet and phone access in the offices of those teaching their own course(s)
- Bergmann will approach Pat regarding several options: reserving the offices that already have the necessary hardware for those with independent TA position; setting a phone for each carrel
- HGSA also reminds those who are eligible to teach their own course to draft a letter to the Chair and Graduate Director of the Department stating your interest in teaching and what areas you feel qualified to teach—just as a friendly reminder. The HGSA will work on drafting a form letter for graduate students to download and adapt to their needs

4) 2003-2004 Elections

- An Election Committee needs to be formed before the semester ends for next year's elections. Those interested should contact the HGSA president (Bergmann)
- Do note that if you accept a position on the committee you will be disqualified from running for any position

Called to order: 12:08

Adjourned: 12:50