

HGSA MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2003

PRESENT:

Jeff Johnson (Faculty Rep.), Mathias Bergmann (Grad. Studies Rep.), Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.), Robin Payne (M.A. Rep.), Andres Caicedo, Michael Evans, Summer Hahn, Heidi Kyle, Paul Fisher, Steve Shay

OFFICERS ABSENT:

Jon Middaugh (Ph.D. Rep) [Called up], Carli Schiffner (GPSA Rep.) [Graduated], Nichola Harris (Non-Funded Rep)

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 1) Introductions
- 2) Upcoming Nominations and Elections

Called to order: 12:10

Adjourned: 12:30

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September 19, 2003

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Jeff Johnson (Faculty Rep.), Mathias Bergmann (Grad. Studies Rep.), Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.), Robin Payne (M.A. Rep.), Jason Blazevec, Armand Garcia, Amanda Van Lanen, Michael Evans, Summer Hahn, Steve Shay, Mary Jane Maxwell, Heidi Kyle

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ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- 1) Election Results:

After having to conduct a run-off for the at-large position, the final election results are as follows:

Faculty Rep.: Jeff Johnson

At-Large Rep: Michael Evans

Grad. Studies Rep: Mathias Bergmann

GPSA Reps: Amy Harrington

Ph.D. Rep.: Jason Blazevec

Robin Payne

M.A. Rep.: Amanda VanLanen

Non-Funded Rep.: Victoria Dehlbom

Called to order: 12:20

Adjourned: 12:45

- If accepted, the GSC unanimously agreed that it should request that the department assume the fee for each student's first attempt
- The GSC also discussed the possibility of allowing students and their major professor decide whether or not to conduct the exam in-house
- **The HGSA voted 5-2**, with 2 abstaining, to keep the exam process as is—most students were concerned with the loss of the student-professor relationship, the \$30 fee, and the standards of the exam if it were to be handed over to Foreign Languages
- In a second vote regarding whether students and their mentor should decide the process, the **HGSA voted 4-3**, with 2 abstaining, against it
- One Ph.D. student proposed that HGSA request the GSC to add some sort of computer proficiency to the language requirement, as, for many, such a proficiency is more valuable to their intended profession than a knowledge of a foreign language and many departments have such an option
- The HGSA agreed and the issue will be aired at the next GSC meeting

3) GPSA Report:

- A) GPSA has made graduate insurance a priority—still shopping around to find the best deal
- B) GPSA has formed a committee to pursue its unionization agenda
 - Seeking to have a vote on whether graduate students should join the “Students for Favorable Working Conditions” movement
 - Seeks to implement the UW model
 - HGSA resoundingly voted to oppose such measures if introduced to GPSA

4) Miscellaneous:

- A) Kaag requested the GPSA senators to propose that the GPSA encourage the administration to be proactive in aiding military reserve students in putting their academic affairs in order

Called to order at 12:10 pm
Adjourned at 12:58 pm

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