

HGSA
Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, September 21st, 2007

Present: Leslie Moerschel, Cherri Wemlinger, Nathan Roberts, Pat King, Nick Conrad, Lynette Sriver, Laura Arata.

Absent: Katy Fry, Birgit Schneider.

Meeting called to order, 12:10 pm.

The executive committee voted to hold future meetings on Fridays at 1:00 pm on an as needed basis.

Leslie was chosen as chair, Laura as secretary.

The bylaws were distributed and issues discussed.

- Colloquium issues raised:
 - o Need to add a representative position to the bylaws
 - o Change of colloquium back to a required class—not possible
 - o Classes and sessions: should be one or the other
 - o Colloquium cannot be opened up to other school events (lectures, conferences, etc.)
 - o Grad students always get first pick of presentation times; faculty and guest speakers fill in
 - o Responsibility shifted back to the faculty: only faculty have authority on matters like this
 - Cherri raised the idea of offering a half-time TA position for the colloquium organizer if colloquium is run as a class
- If HGSA does take over the responsibilities of colloquium, what do we want?
 - o Lower numbers required
 - o Take it back to how it used to be (?)
 - o Student presentations only (?)
 - Supposed to be developing an intellectual dialogue—are presentations by professors needed?

Publications (section 6 of bylaws) discussed.

- Contact information for future and incoming grad students needed.
- Discussion of the possibility of an electronic newsletter in the future.
 - o Should the bylaws be amended to include the possibility of presenting the newsletter in this format?

It was decided that Leslie, Cherri and Laura will meet with Amanda to discuss colloquium issues and solutions.

Dr. Sun has requested to meet with the executive committee—Laura will arrange the meeting.

It was noted that Maryanne will be in Pullman October 12-14th.

Business for next meeting: colloquium, publications.

Meeting adjourned 12:40 pm.

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