

HGSA Agenda Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday March 30, 2011

Meeting called to order at 11:15am.

Attendees: Malcolm Purinton, Nathan Roberts, Grant Fruhwirth, Shawna Herzog, Cherri Wemlinger

Business:

Elections: We discussed the election's process for this year. Nathan and Cherri will be serving as the elections committee. Nominations will begin this Friday (April 1st) and end at noon on the following Friday (April 8th).

The election will start on Monday (April 11th) and end at noon on the next Friday (April 15th).

Once the elections are complete the current Agenda Committee officers will meet with the newly elected committee members. Current officers will need to write a blip about their experience on the Agenda Committee this semester and then will be responsible for getting a bio of some sort from the incoming officers. These will be turned in to Mandy who will format them and pass them on to Liz to be posted on the HGSA page on the History Department website. In addition a copy of the newsletter will be sent out by email by Mandy at the end of the semester. Time is of the essence in this situation and all of these materials need to be to Mandy before finals week so that this can be finished before we start summer break.

Gen Ed Revisions: Dr. Sun has been advised that the Gen Ed revisions have been fast tracked and will be decided this semester. This includes the changes to the World Civilizations Program. These will not go into effect until Fall 2012. These will be voted on by the Faculty Senate on April 13th. I (Cherri) checked the faculty email that I received and the link is not an open link. I have written Dr. Sun to see if I can pass along the proposal. If so I will send it out on the list serve as soon as I get that from him.

Financial Aid: Cherri has been working on this and the Ombudsman's Office has now gotten involved and will be initiating a discussion with the Graduate School, Financial Aid, and numerous other university entities in an effort to assure that students get access to their research scholarships in a way that does not impact their Cost of Attendance. Nathan and Malcolm will approach GPSA about involvement in this issue.

Graduate Studies: Grant advised that the Graduate Studies Committee voted to support a requirement that all Ph. D. students have residence at WSU Pullman for the first 2 years of their program. This was a highly charged discussion, but did pass. Grant will be prepared to present a draft of the Prelim letter at the HGSA General Meeting on Wednesday April 6th for discussion and revision. Dr. Kawamura has advised that she will be talking to Dr. Sun about the graduate student evaluation process soon, but has not done so at this time.

Colloquium—Mandy requested (through Cherri) that we come to these last few colloquia as they are all graduate students and could use our support.

We adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Prepared by: Cherri Wemlinger