

HGS A General Meeting

April 6, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 10:00am

In attendance: Nathan Roberts, Paul Goodfellow, Mandy Townsley, Chris Schlect, Andrea McWethy, Malcolm Purinton, Nathan Marr, Shawna Herzog, Cherri Wemlinger,

- I. Prelim Letter Approval:
 - a. Grant was unable to draft the letter. The Graduate Studies committee was preoccupied with residency issues and are almost ready to adjourn for the academic year so it seems like it would be better to submit such a letter in the fall semester.
 - b. In response to an email from a graduate student, Cherri feels a letter which encapsulates the unresolved issues from the 2010-2011 year would best represent graduate student needs. After discussion of the issue it was decided that the letter should be crafted to include the following agenda items for consideration: TA workloads, Annual Reviews, Prelim Concerns, and Fifth Year Funding.
- II. GenEd Revisions Update:
 - a. GenEd is definitely changing. Such changes will be implemented in fall 2012. At this point it appears that World Civilizations will remain a required course for all freshman and transfer students. This course will be a one-semester course instead of the current two semesters. It will be housed in the History Department and taught by History faculty. The World Civ. 110 and 111 will remain optional classes for GERs.
- III. Graduate Studies Report: Grant
 - a. The Graduate Studies Committee voted to propose to faculty that PhD students must live in the Pullman area for at least 2 years to create student cohort. Requiring students to take all of the PhD required classes on the Pullman campus.
 - b. Assistant to Dean Grimes said the history department should not go through with this due to political issues particularly with Vancouver.
- IV. Graduate Student Evaluation Update: Dr. Kawamura will talk to Dr. Sun
- V. Financial Aid Issues Update:

- a. If a student has met their cost of attendance any scholarships they are awarded will be applied to their student loans. There is an appeal process, but it is rather ambiguous.
 - i. Cherri has contacted the Ombudsman office and Ray Jussaume in cooperation with Chio Flores from financial aid will be looking over how to deal with this over the summer.

MEETING ADJORNED: 11:00am