

## **HGSA General Meeting -- January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**

In attendance: Laura Arata, Dulce Kersting, Phil Travis, Kris Skelton, Amir Selmanovic, Michelle Winmill, Dongjo Shin, Alex Marris, Sikang Song, Hans-Petter Grav (remote from Vancouver)

Meeting was called to order by Laura at 11:05am

### **Old Business**

GPSA Report: Academic showcase is coming up, applications due next week. First GPSA meeting next Monday.

M.A. Representative Report: No news to report

Ph.D. Representative Report: No news to report

Colloquium Representative Report: First colloquium presentation is next Tuesday and will be on Curriculum Vitae.

Faculty Representative Report: No news to report

Graduate Studies Representative Report: Please complete the Annual Review in a timely fashion, department deadlines are based on wider Graduate College deadlines.

Conflict Resolution Subcommittee: Subcommittee members are seeking to update the conflict resolution procedures as well as create a defined list of TA duties and responsibilities. See Amir, Alex, or Michelle if you have any questions or concerns.

Sexual harassment training should be done by now. Dr. Sun has requested that all graduate students submit a hard copy of the completion certificate.

### **New Business**

Laura shared the news that according to the Graduate Studies Committee there will likely be no cuts in funding to any current, returning students. The number of students leaving should be equivalent to the number of people coming into the program. Of course each appointment is still dependent on TA performance.

Laura inquired about the make-up exam schedule, but it has not yet been created.

Amir reported on the first RCI steering committee meeting. Dr. Tolmacheva has been appointed to lead the committee next year. It appears that RCI programming will undergo serious review over the summer and knowledgeable parties will create new content. Corey Johnson in the library will also be reviewing the library research assignments. TAs, such as Amir, have also provided valuable feedback concerning the content and structure of the assignments. HIST 305 will also be created next year for transfer students; it will be identical to the 105 course.

Meeting was called to a close by Laura at 11:40am

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