

HGSA Meeting Minutes for January 29, 2014

Greg Atkins called the meeting to order at 10:10.

In attendance: April Grube, Robert Franklin, Katie Patterson, Jacki Hedlund Tyler, Hans-Petter Grav, and Greg Atkins.

Report from Faculty Representative, Jacki Hedlund Tyler:

-The Scheduling committee is finalizing the class schedule for this Summer and next Fall semesters, and these schedules should be made available soon.

-The Scheduling Committee will appoint instructors for classes not covered by regular faculty and instructors.

-The classes that are not covered will be awarded competitively to adjuncts and ABDs who apply to teach those classes based on the strength of the proposed syllabus and the relevance of the applicant's training.

Report from Colloquium Coordinator, April Grube:

-All slots for colloquiums are full. Most of them are professional development opportunities, but three graduate students are presenting research as well.

Report from GPSA Senate Representative, Katie Patterson:

-The GPSA elected Nathan Neill as president to fill the vacancy left by the president who resigned in the fall. Nathan will preside over the GPSA Senate for the rest of the semester.

-The GPSA also approved to fund campus-wide events sponsored by three departments.

Report from Vancouver Representative Hans Petter-Grav:

-The graduate students at the Vancouver campus are interested to hear any news of changes to the graduate student health care plan. Most providers in the network are around Pullman, and the hope is that the Affordable Healthcare Act will open access to more providers in the Vancouver area. The problem for the Vancouver campus is compounded by its lack of a campus Health Center.

Report from RCI and Master Student Representative Robert Franklin:

-HGSA wants to get conflict resolution on the docket of the RCI committee. Currently, the draft of modifications to the conflict resolution procedure is missing. If unable to find the original wording, Robert will make modifications to the current conflict resolution procedure, send it out to the HGSA officers for comments and additions, and have completed modifications before the issue comes up on the RCI Committee docket, should we be able to get on it.

Report from Graduate Studies Representative Greg Atkins:

-In an effort to encourage participation in HGSA among other history graduate students, an email will go out to the grad list serve with two times for the next HGSA meeting: Wednesday, February 19 from 10:00 to 11:00 am or Thursday, February 20 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Students will have a week to give feedback on what time works best for them. We will hold the next meeting when the most students can attend. The hope is to better acquaint whoever becomes the next group of officers with HGSA issues.

-The Selection Committee is working to give more equal access of teaching opportunities to ABDs. As the committee was only recently created, this process will take about two years to fully implement as previous commitments phase out and the committee's long-term agenda is applied.

-Dr. Sutton asked HGSA to take an active role in helping to identify potential graduate students that qualify for college and university scholarships. The HGSA can help those eligible students put together their relevant application materials for their mentors in order to make the process as smooth as possible. By charging the HGSA to remind students and professors, those who most benefit from the nomination can help ensure those nominations are made.

-To best implement this system of reminders, I move to add the responsibility of reminding graduate students and various faculty members of scholarship nominations to the position of PhD Student Representative.

-Jacki seconded the motion.

-The motion passed.

-The PhD Representative will stay in contact with both Ken Anderson and the Graduate College to stay abreast of scholarship opportunities that must be initiated by the faculty and to periodically remind the appropriate faculty member(s) to complete the nomination.

-In an effort to be proactive about the upcoming election of HGSA officers for the 2014-2015, I move to elect the election committee. In accordance with the HGSA Bylaws, I move to elect Jacki Hedlund Tyler and Katie Patterson.

Motion seconded by Robert Franklin.

Motion passes.

According to the bylaws, both Katie Patterson and Jacki Hedlund Tyler will fulfill the duties associated with the election, and neither will be able to run for office in the 2014-2015 year.

Meeting closed by Greg Atkins at 11:10.