

HGSA Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

Call to Order: 10:07 am by Greg Atkins

Members Present

Greg Atkins, Jacki Hedlund-Tyler, April Grube, Katie Patterson, Robert Franklin, Daniel Vickoren, Hans-Petter Grav

HGSA Nominations and Special Elections

Discussed the rules surrounding special elections to fill any HGSA officer vacancies. Members present decided to leave the RCI Steering Committee Representative—a position not mentioned in the HGSA bylaws—outside of the special election.

HGSA Agenda Committee Positions:

Chair: Greg Atkins

Secretary: Daniel Vickoren

HGSA Officer Nominations:

GPSA Representative: Katie Patterson

Ballots for the HGSA special election will be distributed to all members as soon as possible.

HGSA Meetings and Events

Those preset discussed goals for HGSA to host social gatherings for graduate students in the department. Some ideas included bowling at Zeppos, gatherings at Paradise Creek, attending SEB free movie nights as a group, WSU sports events, etc. Dates for the first social event as well as the next GPSA event are as decided as follows:

HGSA Meeting: Wednesday, September 10th, 10:00 am; Wilson 333

Paradise Creek Gathering: Sunday, September 29th; (time TBA)

General Discussion Topics

HGSA Bylaws: Members discussed some aspects of the HGSA bylaws that stand in need of revision. In particular many of the bylaws allow no flexibility in the composition of the HGSA Agenda Committee as it pertains to irregularities in cohort composition and have not received updates to include new positions such as the RCI Steering Committee Representative. Improving the flexibility of the bylaws and updating them to reflect RCI will serve as a primary goal of HGSA this year.

HGSA Meetings: Discussed the nature of HGSA meetings and how they can be as efficient as possible while also following all requirements listed within the bylaws.

Adjournment: 10:33 am by Greg Atkins