

AGENDA NOTES FOR HGSA OCTOBER 13TH MEETING

A. Meeting called to order: 12:07pm

- a. Attendees: Cherri, Mandy, Johnna, Beth, Shawna, Grant, Nathan Roberts, Malcom, Andrea, Chris

B.COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 1) GPSA REPRESENTATIVES (Nathan Roberts and Malcolm Purinton)
 - a. Nathan: some events coming up (Latin American cultural night, Dad's Weekend festivities), mostly quiet beginning of the year
 - b. Chemistry Rep brought up GenEd-against parring down of the science credits required to graduate
 - a. Nathan brought up that the History TA's are in the same position
 - c. Extended Wiley deadline-poster competition and conference competition
 - a. Go online to register
 - b. Nathan will send email to history grad students to explain what it is

- 2) PhD REPRESENTATIVE (Beth Erdey)
 - a. Research Assistant Position
 - a. Feels we should lobby for students interested in working with Dr. Boag-people should be encouraged to show their interest
 - b. Wish the position had been better explained to the graduate students-understandable that he would want continuity for his research.
 - c. Due to meeting time constraints, we will table this issue until a later meeting. Will be on next agenda.

- 3) MA REPRESENTATIVE (Johnna Lash)
 - a. MA Panel/Colloquium-What you can do with a history MA
 - a. Heather, Ray, rep from Education Department, Nathan Roberts, Beth
 - b. Will ask Ray if MA's with a TA position can come to the panel rather than class.

- 4) COLLOQUIUM REPRESENTATIVE (Mandy Townsley)
 - a. Colloquium schedule-have sent out emails to PhD candidates to give them first chance to present, possibly on research they did over the summer. Then will send to rest of grad students. In addition to the MA Panel next week, Dr. Pietz will also present during this semester.
 - b. Would be nice to have food/treats at colloquium. Would people be willing to sign up for a presentation? Would like to prevent the presenter from having to bring the snacks. I will bring a snack for the first one next week. Also I think Jennifer Oliphant will be willing to

contribute. Pass around colloquium schedule for signing up for food or presentations.

- c. Have to advertise through WSU today.
- d. May need to use CUE, CUB rooms.
- e. In the true spirit of professional development I would like to provide an optional handout that presenters could give to their audience. This handout would allow the audience to provide constructive criticism for the presenter and thus aid in their development as a public speaker. The forms could be anonymous. They'll be optional to each presenter. I'll pass around a piece of paper-feel free to write down any questions you think would be pertinent.

5) GRADUATE STUDIES REPRESENTATIVE (Grant Furthwith)

- a. Some people have expressed concerns about prelim process as far as uniformity across fields.
 - a. Wrote letter as investigative tool for those that have taken prelims to offer feedback.
 - b. Will bring feedback to us after he receives it and will be able to bring it to the Grad Studies Committee.
 - c. Chris-could use an actual survey-Survey Monkey
 - d. Separate survey for PhD's coming up to pre-lims on what they expect or would like to see
 - e. Faculty is discussing reformatting pre-lim process

6) WORLD CIV REPRESENTATIVE (Shawna Herzog)

- a. GenEd upheaval news:
 - a. Heather wanted to thank those who came to the meetings-history best represented
 - b. Confusion about TA duties this semester
 - i. Should contract be re-circulated? Yes

7) FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE (Cherri Wemlinger)

- a. Sept. 20 Meeting
 - a. Re-working undergraduate program, Sutton will send Cherri info on this
 - i. Exit poll for undergrads
 - ii. Portfolio of major courses
 - iii. Writing not addressed critically except in World Civ
 - b. Next meeting was about budget advisory
 - a. General report: synergies, alignment with WSU/CLA

B. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1) Bylaw changes (Cherri/Nathan/Grant)

- a. Maybe changing the date to vote for officers in the spring instead of the fall.

- a. Department wide vote to change bylaws
 - b. Committee will put together proposal
- 2) Reports concerning Gen Ed Re-visioning Proposal (Cherri/Shawna)
- a. Good possibility that the proposal won't go through because so many people upset.
 - b. We should be commenting on the online forum.
 - c. Possibility of joining Freshmen Seminar with GenEd
 - a. Would give TA's better experience as well-wide range of benefits for students and TA's
 - d. Will be a change but probably not as drastic as we thought.
- 3) Prelim structure proposal (Grant)-didn't get to this
- 4) RSO funding (Nathan and Johnna)-didn't get to this

C. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS—Floor opens to attendees to propose issues or topics of concern

D. Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm. Will meet next time