

HGSA MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2014
8:00AM to 9:00AM

Greg Atkins called the meeting to order 8:03 AM.

Members Present

Allison Sellers, Brian Stack, Greg Atkins, Fred Hardyway, Mickey Dennis, Sarah Schraeder, and Hans-Petter Grav.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Greg was unable to report on any discussions from the Graduate Studies Committee meeting as he was unaware of the previous meeting date and time.

OFFICER REPORTS

GPSA Senators

Sarah Schraeder reported that GPSA will begin accepting nominations for best Teaching Assistants, Graduate Assistants, and Advisors beginning October 27, 2014 through November 7, 2014. Applications can be found on the GPSA website.

Brian Stack and Sarah Schraeder were unable to attend the previous GPSA Senate meeting. A more detailed report will be provided at the next HGSA meeting.

PhD Representative

Allison Sellers has begun the process of looking for funding opportunities for PhD students. She is planning to send a letter to all department PhD students introducing herself and explaining her position.

Faculty Representative

Fred Hardyway reviewed some items discussed at the last Faculty meeting. The Dean noted that the governor has asked institutions in Washington to cut spending by fifteen percent but it is unclear at this point where these cuts will take place. Hardyway also shared that it was noted at the meeting that Dr. Sun is going step down as chair after the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Vancouver Representative

Hans-Petter Grav noted that he hopes that the new chair for the next school year will continue to visit satellite campuses regularly as Dr. Sun's visits provide a positive experience and make the Vancouver campus students feel much more included.

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

Sarah Schraeder shared that the planning of the interdisciplinary conference is going well. A venue must be confirmed before a call for papers can be sent out. Brian Stack and Jason Hogstad are currently working on finding a space.

The next HGSA meeting is scheduled for November 4 at 8:00 AM. Members unable to attend this meeting will review the minutes and forward any questions to any present members if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m. by Greg Atkins.