

HGSA MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2003

PRESENT:

Jeffrey A. Johnson (Faculty Rep.), Mathias D. Bergmann (Grad. Studies Rep.), Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.), Robin Payne (GPSA Rep.), Amanda Van Lanen (M.A. Rep.), Michael Evans (At-Large Rep.), Armand Garcia

OFFICERS ABSENT:

Jason Blazevic (Ph.D. Rep.)
Vicki Dehlbom (Non-Funded Rep.)—pre-arranged

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

1) GPSA Report:

- GPSA is soliciting graduate student comments regarding proposed changes to graduate student healthcare plans
 - See information sheet on the HGSA board for more details
 - Provide feedback to either GPSA Rep by October 20th
- Grant Writing Workshops Announcement
 - Tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays in November from 12:00pm-4:00pm
 - Contact the ORGD for more information and updated schedule

2) Faculty Committee Report

- Departmental Budget
 - No funding for any searches
 - Department was restored one TA
 - Dean predicts 25% cuts over the next ten years
 - Chair urges extramural funding sources, e.g., grants
- Departmental Participation in Upcoming Lewis and Clark Events
- World History Journal Establishment
 - The department and the WSU Press is now home to the forthcoming *World History Journal*
 - Heather Streets is the co-editor, with one graduate student as a RA
- History Forum
 - Based on the success of last year's forum on "Why Europeans Hate Us," the faculty proposed to make the forum an annual or bi-annual event
 - If you have an idea for another forum—a topic linking history with current events—please contact either Steve Kale or Roger Schlesinger
- HIST 595
 - The faculty solicited graduate student input on the proposal to require all Ph.D. Candidates who teach independent sections to enroll in HIST 595 during every semester they teach
 - Unanimous opinion that requiring repeated enrollment not necessary and that closer supervision and more structure under current mentor system would suffice

Called to order at 12:07 pm

Adjourned at 12:35 pm

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