

## HGSA MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2004

### **PRESENT:**

James Covi (GPSA Rep.), Michael Evans (Non-Funded Rep.), Jon Flashnick (M.A. Rep.), Mark Gottschalk (At-Large Rep.), Amy Harrington (Faculty Rep.), Heidi Kyle (GPSA Rep.), Maryanne Rhett (Ph.D. Rep.), Amanda Van Lanen (Grad. Studies Rep.), Zach Blurton, Amitava Chowdhury, Jim Jenks, Amedeo Massimi, Lee O'Conner, Cynthia Ross, Caleb Sparks

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 1) Amy Harrington announced that the department would meet Monday, November 15, to cut about \$53,000 from the department budget from the following categories:
  - new hires (\$43,000)
  - TA positions (\$11,000+ each)
  - temporary faculty (\$4,500 per course)
  - stipend for non-tenured professors (\$8,000)
  - grader positions (\$10,000 total)
- 2) The following questions were posed to be asked at the faculty meeting:
  - Are these cuts permanent, or the starts of a trend?
  - What percent of the budget is this cut?
  - What percent of the budget is discretionary?
  - What parts of the budget are untouchable?
  - How have budget cuts happened in the past?
  - What percent of TAs are working for the History department? GenEd?
  - What percent of a GenEd TA's stipend is paid by the History department?
  - Do these cuts have a chance of coming back?
  - How would senior faculty course reductions affect course offerings?
  - How will cuts affect MA students planning to re-apply for a PhD?
  - Is there a possibility of lowering the hourly wage for graders?
  - Is it possible to require a larger class size (65?) before assigning a grader?
  - Will non-funded students get preference for grader positions?
  - Will non-funded students have a chance to get funding?
  - Will graders be added if TAs are dropped?
  - Will grader positions get a larger share of the budget if TAs are dropped?
  - How is the money for graders divided?
  - Will returning students get funding preference over new students?
  - If temporary faculty positions are cut, could TAs teach more classes?

Called to order at 12:07pm

Adjourned at 12:31pm

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