

HGSA Notes: September 14th, 2011

Faculty Representative (Paolo):

- University wide budgetary issues \$20 million cut this year; \$20 million next year.
- Discussion on merger between College of Liberal Arts and College of Sciences
 - Faculty not opposed to merger in principle; unhappy about timeline, being pushed down throats; desire more faculty input.
 - President's office will hold meeting announcing decisions in the upcoming weeks.
- Funding issues within the department
 - GenEd cut will result in limited TAships.
 - Possibility for people to lose funding.
 - Things should be more clear at the end of the year.
- Dr. Sun encourages students to meet with him. His schedule will be opening up soon.
- We should reiterate concern to Grad School that we need to hear about funding earlier because this affects signing leases, decisions about life.

Graduate Studies Representative (Phil):

- Concern of issues of funding; merger.
 - We do know GenEd Ta's will be cut in half.
 - 32 TA's currently; next year there will be 20 funded positions.
 - 4 year PhD students should be confident; but not guaranteed.
 - They haven't specified how they will make cuts.
 - Nothing concrete said about funding for first year MA students next year.
 - They want to protect the students they have here.
- History program itself is under evaluation.
 - Many graduate programs are under review.
 - Essentially a formality; nothing to stress over at current time.
- History 595—Dr. Tishken has expressed desire for this course to become 3 credits course.
 - Have they considered a practicum?
 - Emphasize teaching philosophy—why they teach?

PhD Representative (Amir):

- Complaints about funding.
- Amir and Paul sending joint email to entire student body.

Colloquium Representative (Alex):

- Colloquium time—12pm; flex time at 1pm.
- A few professors are interested
 - Dr. Sponholz (original research)
 - Dr. Clif Stratton (original research)
 - Dr. Tishken (presentation on journals from publishers perspective)

GPSA Representative (Grant and Tyler):

- Cougsync is up and running.
 - Encourage students to create an account
- GPSA well being challenge up and running
 - Workshops
 - Subsidizing outdoor rec events

- Move to remove language from constitution “In the fall” so that Wiley Research Exposition can be held in the spring.
 - Not enough time to prepare by early November.
 - Move to spring should increase participation by students and judges.
 - Bring in alumni to participate.
 - Suspended the bylaws; voted this evening; voted to strike language.
- Approved committee appointments.

Andrea: Office locked during lunch hours? How can we address this?