

## HGSA Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2013

Greg Atkins called the meeting to order at 10:10.

In attendance: April Grube, Robert Franklin, Katie Patterson, Jacki Hedlund Tyler, and Greg Atkins.

Jacki forwarded a motion to have all meeting minutes sent to the HGSA officers for review before disseminating the minutes to all history graduate students. After typing up the minutes, the secretary will send them to all HGSA officers. Once every officer has sent a reply of approval, the minutes will then be sent to all history graduate students.

Katie Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

RCI and Master Student Representative Robert Franklin:

--Suggestions for the RCI Steering Committee have been tabled probably until the spring due to overwhelming concerns with syllabus changes.

Colloquium Representative April Grube:

--Next colloquium is tomorrow. The spring semester is full of volunteers but few hard dates have been set.

Faculty Representative Jacki Hedlund Tyler:

--The Faculty Committee changed the wording in the graduate handbook for graduate students with a World History general field.

The original wording:

“Students who pursue World History as their General Field must define their complementary field in consultation with their major professor, and take at least 9 credits of graduate field courses that will focus on specific geographic areas outside their Primary Field, or 6 credits of those courses and one course outside the discipline of history.”

New wording:

“Students who pursue World History as their General Field must define their complementary field in consultation with their major professor, and take at least 9 credits of graduate field courses that will focus on specific geographic areas **or thematic fields** outside their Primary Field, or 6 credits of those courses and one course outside the discipline of history.”

--The Faculty Committee created a Selection Committee housed under the larger Undergraduate Committee. This Selection Committee will set a year-long schedule of classes.

ABDs and adjunct faculty will apply to teach any unfilled classes needed for a full offering of courses. Unfilled classes for Fall 2014 will be made public sometime during the coming Spring semester.

Grad Studies Representative Greg Atkins:

--Nothing to report.

GPSA Representative Katie Patterson:

--The GPSA voted overwhelmingly to award travel grant money after travel has occurred. This means that students are expected to pay for travel out of their own pocket and, upon returning, submit an application for a travel grant. They might or might not be compensated.

--In addition, the GPSA president resigned due to a hostile executive committee. The GPSA representatives for the history department believe that the actions of the executive committee may have exceeded their powers under the GPSA constitution. They are drafting a letter of complaint about possible constitutional violations.

Other Business:

Robert Franklin forwarded a motion to hold a HGSA Potluck lunch from 12:00 to 2:00 pm in the history department on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Greg Atkins seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Greg Atkins forwarded a motion to set the next HGSA meeting for Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Robert Franklin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Meeting closed by Greg Atkins at 11:01.