

## HGSA MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2002

### **PRESENT:**

Mathias Bergmann (GSC Rep.), Amy Harrington (GPSA Rep.), Jon Middaugh (Ph.D. Rep.), Robin Payne (M.A. Rep.), Nichola Harris (Non-Fund Rep), Shirley Stephens; Paul Dean, Laurie Carlson

### **OFFICERS ABSENT:**

Jeffrey A. Johnson (Fac. Rep.)—pre-arranged  
Carli Schiffner (GPSA Rep.)

### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- 1) Stephens proposed that a survey be conducted regarding graduate student teaching (independent sections)

Details:

- Date back to 1995
- No names, merely number of course taught, major/minor fields, and level at which students received their class(es)
- Effort to ensure equitable class distribution and to standardize the process of receiving independent teaching positions
- Stephens graciously offered to spearhead the endeavor and will report on the progress at the beginning of next semester

Seconded and agreed upon unanimously

- 2) Report from the faculty meeting (12/06/02)

- 22 applicants for the new position in Public History
- Liberal Arts' budget out of red—some to spare
- Plateau Center for Native American Studies initiative
- Q & A with Dean Couture
  - Rationale behind the 10 student min.
  - Recruitment of grad. students

- 3) Discussion of the proposed minor field in the American West

- Concerns:
  - Drain-off other fields
  - Exacerbate the imbalance between U.S. and non-U.S.
  - Narrowness
  - Courses and opportunity already available
- General consensus among those present that the proposal is acceptable with a requirement that students must have one non-U.S. field (with the option of petitioning the GSA)

- 4) GPSA report

- "Debt Check" campaign
  - Students who have/will receive a degree from WSU (B.A./M.A.) are encouraged to submit a "debt check" to GPSA enumerating the amount of loans taken for education
  - Means of protesting future tuition increases
- Summer Health and Wellness fees changes
  - Changed from a \$20 fee per visit to a \$50 for the summer for those enrolled in 3 or more credits

Called to order at 12:12pm  
Adjourned at 1:00pm

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