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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