HGSA
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 19th, 2008


Meeting called to order, 12:05 pm.

Bylaws—
- Description for at-large position brought into question
  - Need for a description of the new colloquium representative.
  - Amy stated that the at-large position was slipped in without a formal vote—it is not clear that we need this position.
  - Do we need to have a non-funded representative?
  - If Tri-Cities decides to add a graduate studies program, do we need to write in a position? Or should we handle this when it comes up?
  - Todd recommended issuing a memo to this effect.
  - Also recommended that this is put into the newsletter.
  - Amy motioned to suspend the bylaws and vote on the elimination of at-large and non-funded representative positions since a quorum was present at the meeting.
  - Nick objected on the grounds that the non-funded representative (Lynette Scriver) was not present and could not voice her opinion.
  - The motion to move to a vote was seconded and the vote taken, with Paul and Nick opposing.
  - Motion passed to recommend to the bylaws committee that these positions be eliminated from the HGSA general bylaws.
  - Discussion followed, and general feeling was that the bylaws are badly in need of revision anyway.
  - Lee Ann proposed forming a committee to work on the bylaws.
  - Changes will be discussed and voted on at the next general meeting.
  - The committee will be Laura Arata, Nathan Roberts, Lee Ann Hall, and Lesley Moerschel.
  - Lesley will send out an email to open up the discussion to other history grad students.

U.S Since 1920 Candidate Search—
- Amanda reported that Matthew Sutton was generally considered the first choice for the position, with Carroll and Frank ranking second and third.
- A vote was taken to approve the ranking; motion unanimously passed.

Other Candidate Searches—
- U.S. Women’s Search—May ranked first choice, Koppelson second; Sachs not considered a suitable candidate
- Africa/World Search—Tishken ranked first choice, Jennings second, Efeta not considered a suitable candidate.
- Endowed Chair Search—Fiege ranked first, Hyde second.

**New Graduate Studies Representative**
- Amy motioned to suspend the election procedures outlined in the bylaws and hold a vote with the quorum present, and nominated Amanda Van Lanen for the position.
- Amy will take Amanda’s place on the elections committee.
- Nathan seconded the motion.
- A vote was taken and unanimously passed—motion approved.

**Colloquium**
- Needs to be considered and a position added to the bylaws by the committee. Note that this person will also be on the faculty committee.
- If the faculty committee will not work for grad students, we should consider putting something in the bylaws to have HGSA facilitate a program for grad students who wish to present their research.

**GPSA Report**
- Nathan reported on the formation of the union discussed in the last general meeting.
- GPSA has formed a committee to inquire into the union formation proceedings.
- The union representatives had enough signatures to send their motion through to the legislature, but will come back to the general body of graduate students for a vote.

Meeting adjourned, 12:45 pm.

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Old Business-

- Colloquium
- Vancouver Representative position

New Business-

- Candidate searches
- New course offered for Grad students- HIST 561
- Election of interim Graduate Studies Representative position
- Revision of HGSA bylaws
- Revision of HGSA officer position descriptions
- Establishment of permanent General Meeting times