

## **HGSA MEETING MINUTES**

**February 3, 2015**

**8:00AM to 9:00AM**

**Greg Atkins called the meeting to order 8:05 AM.**

### Members Present

Joni Ford, Brian Stack, Greg Atkins, Fred Hardiway, Mickey Dennis, David Bolingbroke, Jason Hogstead, Calen Rau, Sarah Schraeder, and Hans-Petter Grav.

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Greg Atkins spoke on behalf of Allison Sellers to encourage all graduate students in the History Department to send a list of grants and scholarships graduate students received in the past. The list would be dispersed to graduate students within the department interested in applying to grants and scholarships.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

#### Colloquium Representatives

Joni Ford presented information on the up-coming colloquiums. Dr. Stratton will hold a colloquium next Tuesday, February 10, at 10AM discussing how to teach as a guest lecturer. Additionally, on Thursday, February 12 at 2 pm, Jenny Saligumba-Graham will hold a colloquium on residency requirements for first-year graduate students. Another colloquium by Daniel Vickoren and Mary Stormo on February 26 at 11am will focus on how to properly submit a thesis/dissertation.

#### Faculty Representative

Fred Hardiway will attend the first Faculty Meeting of the semester next week. Hardiway will report about the meeting details at the next HGSA meeting.

#### RCI Steering Committee Representative

Jacob Wells will attend the first RCI Steering Committee meeting of the semester next week. Wells will report about the meeting details at the next HGSA meeting.

#### GPSA Representative

Brian Stack and Sarah Schraeder encouraged all students to fill out the Health Insurance Task Force survey. The survey was sent out to any graduate students on graduate assistantships. Participants are entered in a raffle to win a Kindle Fire. "GPSA Health Insurance Concerns Task Force" sent the survey out a couple of weeks ago under the e-mail title "WSU Student Health Insurance Experience Survey."

Stack and Schraeder also presented on the following:

The Office of Student Conduct presented at the last GPSA Senate meeting that there are three graduate student positions open. Students interested in these positions should visit the website at [conduct.wsu.edu/conduct-boards](http://conduct.wsu.edu/conduct-boards). For any questions, please contact [standards@wsu.edu](mailto:standards@wsu.edu).

The Tobacco Free Campus (TFC) task force is seeking to make WSU Pullman campus a tobacco free campus. It will ask the regents to vote on a decision by May 8. The GPSA Senate will put this issue on the referendum to provide the regents with information on the graduate student opinion on the subject.

GPSA will hold a free bowling night at Zeppos on February 27 from 8 to 9pm. Additionally, there will be a 5 on 5 soccer tournament for graduate students sponsored by GPSA on March 28. More information on these events can be found on the GPSA website at [www.gpsa.wsu.edu/org/gpsa/Events](http://www.gpsa.wsu.edu/org/gpsa/Events).

The referendum on March 10-11 will elect the GPSA President, Vice-President, and District Representatives. In addition to this, the GPSA Senate will vote to include department senator positions in this referendum at the next GPSA Senate meeting on February 16. Stack noted that this would require HGSA to change its by-laws as it removes the process of electing a GPSA Senator/Representative from HGSA. Results of this vote will be discussed at the next HGSA meeting. Greg Atkins called a vote of the HGSA officer support of this issue. The motion was unanimously voted rejected. Stack and Schraeder will vote against this measure at the next GPSA Senate meeting.

The referendum will also include a vote on the use of the Old Bookie. If it passes, all students will be required to pay up to a \$98 fee. If the motion fails, graduate students MAY not have to pay the fee but will also be denied access to the building.

### **NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION**

Mickey Dennis asked that HGSA sponsor the exhibit for History 529. It will be held in MASC on April 21. The sponsorship will not require any funds from HGSA. The RSO sponsorship of HSGA will allow the class to advertise for free in the CUB.

Sarah Schraeder noted that the search for a speaker for the April conference must be finalized soon. Jacob Wells offered to speak to a potential speaker. Additionally, he and Mickey Dennis will send out reminders for the abstract deadline and broaden what topics are acceptable to submit as abstracts. Lastly, they will also advertise an undergraduate panel to instructors teaching the History 469 sections.

Greg Atkins informed non-officers at the meeting about the HGSA positions for the 2015 to 2016 school year because elections will be held in March. The election process and more information about the HGSA officer positions will be discussed in more detail at the next HGSA meeting.

The next HGSA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18 at 8:00 AM. At this meeting, we will discuss potential changes to the by-laws and the up-coming HGSA elections. Members

unable to attend this meeting will review the minutes and forward any questions to any present members if necessary.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 AM by Greg Atkins.**