

HGSA MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2015
8:00AM to 9:00AM

Greg Atkins called the meeting to order 8:00AM.

Members Present

Greg Atkins, Calen Rau, Renee Torres, Mickey Dennis, Joni Ford, Jason Hogstad, Brian Stack, Jacob Wells, and Sarah Schraeder.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Greg Atkins was unable to report on any discussions from the Graduate Studies Committee meeting as he was unaware of the previous meeting date and time.

OFFICER REPORTS

Colloquium Representative

Joni Ford noted that the next colloquium is on March 26, 2015 from 9 to 11am. At this colloquium, PhD students will present on their research. There is a sign up sheet on the Wilson 330 carrel with three more available spots if any PhD's are interested in presenting their work.

There is also another colloquium on April 7, 2015 at 12pm. Jackie Tyler will present a paper, which she will use at the OAH conference the following week.

GPSA Representative

Brian Stack noted that GPSA Elections close on March 11, 2015 at 8pm. In addition to voting for the GPSA President, Vice-President, and Arts and Sciences District Representative, the ballot includes a vote on the Old Bookie renovation fee of \$98 and a campus-wide smoking ban.

Sarah Schraeder noted that GPSA is hosting a "Happy Hour" at Rico's on March 19, 2015 from 7 to 9pm. All graduate students that bring their Cougar Card will receive discounts on food and drinks.

On March 28, GPSA is also hosting a five-on-five soccer tournament for graduate students. The registration fee of \$20 is due March 19.

The GPSA Senate voted to make the Director of Legislative Affairs for GPSA a full-time graduate assistantship. The senate approved that this position will receive a Step 42 pay.

RCI Representative

Jacob Wells will attend the RCI Steering Committee meeting this week. He will present some graduate student concerns at this meeting and provide the HGSA agenda committee with a report at the next HGSA meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Joni Ford, chair of the Elections Committee, noted that polls for HGSA Agenda Committee positions open, March 11, 2015, at 8pm and will close Friday, March 13, at 5pm. The polls can be completed online on the HGSA CougSync page. The results will be announced on Monday, March 16, 2015 to the rest of the department.

The next HGSA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8 at 10:00 AM. 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 8:52 AM by Greg Atkins.