

HGSA
General Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 3rd, 2008

Members Present: Laura Arata, Lesley Moerschel, Amanda Van Lanen, Amy Canfield, Katy Fry, Paul Fisher, Lee Ann Hall, Cherri Wemlinger, Nathan Roberts, Jackie Dumin, Maryanne Rhett.

Meeting called to order, 12:10 pm.

Bylaws—

- It was proposed that for orientation meetings, the MA Rep. and Ph.D. Rep should meet with each respective group of incoming students to say who they are and inform new students that they are someone who can be contacted to answer questions in addition to officially assigned mentors.
- It was proposed that the Chair of HGSA needs to announce to American Studies students they those with funding through the history department, and/or those with an emphasis in history, are eligible to participate in HGSA.
- There was some debate over amending Section III of the bylaws to state that only American Studies students with funding through the history department would be eligible to participate in HGSA. Since many students in this program are not funded, some members posit that finding should not be the defining issue, but rather the emphasis on history. This issue will be raised again at the next general HGSA meeting.
- It was proposed that the Graduate Studies, Faculty Representative and Colloquium Representative positions be limited to graduate students who have been enrolled at WSU for one full year, rather than one full semester.
- It was proposed to move the schedule for elections back to its original timeline for a number of reasons, including that nominations should not be so soon after the beginning of the semester. The election timeline will be amended back to its original format.
- It was decided that the election committee will be selected this year at the fall orientation meeting.
- Remaining sections of the bylaws will be discussed at a general meeting following spring break.

Meeting adjourned, 1:00 pm.

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