PRESENT:

OFFICERS ABSENT:
Jason Blazevic (Ph.D. Rep.)
Vicki Dehlbom (Non-Funded Rep.)—pre-arranged

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
1) Faculty Committee Report:
   • Feb. 27th meeting:
     --Chair election next year; Schlesinger is not running for it
     --New courses on the books: HIST 464/564 Comparative Genocide (Sun) and HIST 319 America Takes Shape (Coon)
     --Public search committee has narrowed the search to six candidates, top three received interviews
   • Mar. 5th meeting:
     --Alumni news
     --John W.W. Mann (Ph.D., 2001) received a $1 million grant to develop a public history program at the University of Wisconsin-St-Claire
     --Michael Egan (Ph.D. 2004) received a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Chemical Heritage Foundation (Philadelphia) and John Hausdoerffer (Ph.D. 2004) received a tenure-track position at Eckerd College (St. Petersburg, FL)
     --The top three public history candidates accepted interviews, will visit the department after Spring Break
     --Hiring priorities:
       1. Asia  2. American West  3. Africanist

2) Graduate Studies Committee Report (Jan. 28th):
   • Chair has $1000 from dean to allocate towards a department-sponsored forum
     --Increase the visibility of the department at WSU
     --Connect modern issue with history
     --Decided to use to sponsor a forum for Black History month
   • Discussed making HIST 595 more rigorous and effective
     --Make pedagogy part of graduate studies
     --Expand and broaden the course—return to original purpose
     --Have students deliver a lecture in mentor’s class
     --Asked for HGSA input on revamping the course
   • Recruitment:
     --Discussed various methods of improving recruitment to compete for better students: flyers to departments but also alumni in them specifically
     • Some preliminary discussion of making the graduate programs more interdisciplinary by requiring a non-history minor
     • Some outside discussion of altering the department colloquium series
• HGSA responses:
   --Positive response for re-envisioning HIST 595
   --Concern regarding requiring outside field for graduate programs—many see little
     value in them in regard to their course of study—only detract from their
     historical studies and program
   --HGSA members aired several concerns regarding the departmental colloquium
     • Most had no problem with its required status, but wanted supervision
     • Several instances of students with poor attendance records receiving the same
       grade as those who diligently attend
     • Provided accountability, responsibility
     • Perhaps lower the number of required sessions
     • Perhaps reduce the number of session—less of a burden, better topics (not
       scrambling to fill all ten session)

3) GPSA Report:
   • GPSA voted for having representative in Olympia request that WSU graduate students
     (on appointments) receive collective bargaining rights
   • Committee is still working on choosing a health insurance provider, received four bids
   • Some sort of a parking tirade was delivered

4) Miscellaneous:
   • A member proposed the HGSA petition the graduate faculty to create a standard for
     minimum procedures in resolving cases of plagiarism
   • Current policy is individual and inconsistent
   • The Faculty Rep. Will address the chair and pursue action from there.

Called to order at 2:10 pm
Adjourned at 2:50 pm

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