# HGSA Meeting Minutes February 23, 2016

Members Present: Calen Rau, Renee Torres, Brian Stack, Brianna Webb, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Jason Hogstad, Carey McCormack, Fred Hardyway, Megan Ockerman

# Brian Stack-Chair’s Report

Brian reported that Ken Anderson has suggested here are potential teaching opportunities for ABD PhDs in the dept. and branch campuses. Specifically there are two new TA slots at the Vancouver campus.

Elections for the new year are also coming up so, so there is an urgent need for nominations for positions. Deadline is March 2nd.

# Calen Rau-RCI Rep. Report

Calen reported that there is nothing new in terms of the RCI Steering Committee, but that he is meeting with Dr. Spohnholz and Dr. Stratton to discuss the conference on Friday.

# Jason Hogstad-GPSA Rep. Report

Jason reported that there is a need to fill GPSA position, because of his potential departure. There are also excellence awards (for TAs, Advisors, and Instructors) which can nominate each other for. These must be completed via Coug Sync.

# Carey McCormack-Vancouver Rep. Report

Carey reported that the Vancouver campus is expecting 2 PhDs to graduate. She also expressed interest in adding at teleconference aspect to the RCI Conference, perhaps even a remote panel or students or faculty. In this discussion Brian Stack also offered to give the keynote address.

# Renee Torres-Colloquium Rep. Report

Renee reported the colloquium that she is currently working on is to have professors who are in the process or have recently published to speak about their experiences. Brian also asked about the possibility for a thesis/dissertation formatting colloquium.

# Fred Hardyway-Faculty Rep. Report

Fred reported that the faculty have just finished department by-laws. Furthermore the Vancouver campus wants grad courses to be done on their campus and solve TA problem they see, but that there are problems entailed with this. There is also a member of the Foreign Language department, whose interest is modern Japan, who would like to transfer to the history dept. There is some concern amongst faculty about his fit. Friday March 4, there will be a teaching and research demonstration.