# HGSA Meeting Minutes April 29, 2016

**11:00am-12:00pm**

**Brian Stack called meeting to order at 9:00am**

Members Present: Nick Martin, Daniel Fogt, Brianna Webb, Greg Atkins, Megan Ockerman, Jason Hogstad, David Bolingbroke, Calen Rau, Renee Torres, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Brian Stack

# Brian Stack-Chair’s Report

Brian emphasized Dr. Sutton wants everyone to register for classes, including thesis credits if you have not done so already. Thesis credits need to be approved through Ken Anderson, so do so ASAP.

Brian suggested the idea of starting a blog. The department is interested in getting graduate student ideas and the graduate program out to the public to increase of reputation and visibility. This idea is in its infancy, but something Brian emphasized should be thought about over the summer. Will not start until at least the fall, perhaps later.

Brian proposed that the connection between HGSA and the RCI Conference should become much more formalized. We had over $500 in left over funds because of a food discount and the miscues of the CUB, additionally due to our attendance at RSO training, we have a waiver for next year. A motion was put for to officially resolve that HGSA help provide financial help when possible to help support the RCI Conference in the future. **Motion passes**: 9 in favor, 2 abstain.

Another important goal for next year is to redo HGSA’s bylaws to be in agreement with GPSA and their recent policy changes, part of which can include further codification of the connection between HGSA and the RCI Conference.

In an effort to make our program more competitive, Brian also emphasized the collection of scholarship lists that should be collected by the MA and PhD reps. Other members suggested that a database should be composed of those who have won internal and external funding in the department.

# Jason Hogstad-GPSA Rep. Report

Jason had to missing the last meeting for personal reasons and thus has nothing new to report.

# Calen Rau-RCI Rep. Report

The most recent RCI Steering Committee meeting focus primarily on two things: assessment and faculty observation/mentoring. Assessments have proven a valuable asset to the RCI program, and give impetus for more graduate student funding/TAships. The committee is working with the

Department of Assessment to further improve the way in which our department collects and analyzes data.

There was also talk of altering the current observation process, partly in such a way that encourages mentoring relationships between RCI Faculty. At the meeting, Calen suggested that such a system might be good for graduate students as well, though any formal decision making on the topic will need to wait until the discussion becomes further developed amongst the faculty.

# Carey McCormack-Vancouver Rep. Report

Carey was not present at the meeting today.

# Renee Torres-Colloquium Rep. Report

No colloquiums have been held since the last meeting, thus Renee has nothing new to report.

# Fred Hardyway-Faculty Rep. Report

Fred was not present at the meeting today.

# Daniel Fogt-PhD Rep. Report

Daniel has dealt will severe illness through the semester, so he had to take a step back from his duties. This said, Daniel emphasized moving forward he wishes to focus on building a list of funding opportunities for graduate students.

# Daniel Fogt and Brianna Webb-RSO Training Report

Daniel and Brianna reported that the mandatory RSO training that HGSA members had to attend was almost exclusively directed at new undergraduate RSOs. What they did take way was that to attain RSO funding, we need to be signed up for Coug Sync and that most of the opportunities will come directly through GPSA.

# Five minutes were taken for graduating HGSA Officers to speak with upcoming officers about their duties.

**Phi Alpha Theta**

Brian encouraged those who have not done so to join Phi Alpha Theta. Membership provides access to funding and conferences that are especially useful for MA students who have yet to present on their own research. Phi Alpha Theta also provided food last year for conference, and has money accessible for travel to Phi Alpha Theta conferences.

# The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.