

HGSA MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2016

11:00AM to 12:00PM

Brian Stack called the meeting to order 11:00 AM.

Members Present

Daniel Fogt, Brian Stack, David Bollingbroke, Melanie Reimann, Brianna Webb, Sean Gilleran, Nicholas Martin, Nichole Albright, Carey McCormack, Sarah Beth Gumm, Matthias Baudinet Brider, Megan Ockerman

Chair and Graduate Studies Representative's. Report

- There have been no graduate meetings so there is nothing to report about.
- Incoming students should check out the WSU surplus store. Brian offered to take grad students there this coming Friday
- HGSA bulletin board is open for grad students to post on in the hallway.
- Webpage
- New list of scholarships
 - Richard R. and Constance M. Albrecht Scholarship
 - This is a \$1,500 award
 - Open to all active doctoral graduate students in good standing who have successfully passed their preliminary examination,
 - Karen P. DePauw Leadership Award
 - This is a \$1,000 award.
 - Open to all doctoral graduate students in good standing who have successfully passed their preliminary examination
 - The two nominations of outstanding graduate students who demonstrate evidence of leadership skills and/or university involvement will come from the Association for Faculty Women. Priority will be given to applicants with demonstrated leadership components in their research, training, or service contributions.
 - Arnold and Julia Greenwell Memorial Scholarship for Social Sciences and Humanities
 - This is a \$1,000 award.
 - Open to all doctoral graduate students in good standing who are also conducting research/scholarship in the social sciences or humanities
 - Anne and Russ Fuller Fellowship for Interdisciplinary Research/Scholarship
 - \$4,000 award per year up to two years.
 - Open to all doctoral graduate students in good standing who are conducting interdisciplinary research/scholarship
 - Graduate School Dissertation Year Fellowship

- This is a nine-month fellowship for doctoral candidates that includes a stipend of up to \$20,000 for the academic year. Also included is a two-credit tuition waiver and up to \$1,000 for travel and/or research.
- Open to all doctoral candidates in good standing with an approved dissertation proposal who have passed their preliminary exam and expect to complete and defend their dissertation during the nine-month (academic year) period in which the award is offered.

Officer's Report

GPSA Senator

- Healthcare insurance changes
 - Dental insurance was cut by 20% down to 60%
 - He will bring up these changes at GPSA in the next few meetings
 - Pam has been sending out GPSA events
 - Nick will send out future emails reminding students.
 - Carrey declared that these changes will more negatively affect non-Pullman graduate students

Faculty Representative

- Explanation of duties: David is the faculty representative that speaks on the behalf of the graduate students in faculty meetings. He is a non-voting member.
 - Carrey, can we ask if TAs who have been here for a while if they can TA for other classes in their field.
 - David will talk

RCI Representative

- Sean encouraged TAs to share their lecture plans with the RCI rep and with each other so that they can get feedback.
- Brian suggested that the RCI representative talk to the committee to move one or two annotated bibliography entries to LRA2.

Colloquium Representative

- Not Present, but the chair says the following
 - Most topics center on TA and RCI development
 - Remind people who are not receiving emails to contact Ken Anderson
 - Upcoming Colloquiums
 - How to get adjusted to Pullman
 - How to find funds
 - Norming with Theresa

Vancouver Representative

- Nothing is happening due to being in Vancouver

PhD Representative

- Bria and Daniel will meet to set up a google doc that keeps track of graduate students' research interest and possible funding
- New Website changes have now neglected to represent graduate students whose research centers on Europe, both modern and early-modern. History students interested in pursuing graduate studies in history at WSU in fields other than Public History, World History, and American West now have to examine the graduate handbook to find European fields offered by the department.
 - Daniel suggested that we informally request Dr. Sutton and/or Dr. Kale to add one additional link on the history graduate program website for an Other Fields.
 - HGSA took a vote to approve this plan. All present voted to approve.

MA Representative

- None

NEW BUSINESS AND DISCUSSION

- Elections now have to be done on Cougar Sync
- Changes to HGSA constitution
 - Minor changes
 - Added statement of purpose
 - We will have an election in between Sept. 22nd to Sept. 27th concerning the new changes to the HGSA constitution.
 - We need volunteers to form an election committee to set up polls on Cougar Sync
 - Melanie and Brian have volunteered
- Amendment by substitution:
 - Section IV-A
 - Agenda Committee: The Agenda committee shall consist of nine (9) members: one (1) M.A. student representative, one (1) Ph.D. student representative, one (1) Vancouver representative, one (1) Colloquium representative, one (1) RCI Representative, one (1) GPSA representative, one (1) Graduate Student Faculty Representative, one (1) Graduate Studies Student Representative, and one (1) Blog Representative.
- Amendment by addition:
 - Section IV-A-2-i
 - Blog Representative: This representative shall be responsible for creating, updating, and maintaining an official HGSA blog. When possible, this blog should be hosted through WSU provided that HGSA maintains full editorial control. The representative will be responsible for bi-weekly updates to the blog during the school year, monthly blog posts between semesters, expanding the blog's reach, and functioning as blog editor. The blog may serve as a place for members to try out arguments or theoretical approaches to issues, offer graduate student's insights or round-table discussions on issues covered in the RCI program, garner interest in the

history department and the work of history graduate students, or serve other needs as HGSA determines to be necessary

- Brian suggested that we create a new HGSA post as a blog organizer for the history department.
- Brianna suggested that current students be aware of the RCI program and consider being mentors for students.
- Next meeting will be on September 21 at 10:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM by Brian Stack