# HGSA Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2015

**Brian Stack-Chair’s Report**

After and opening greeting to new students, Brian main message focus on the creation of “Z” grades, in contrast to incompletes or “F” grades, something that TAs should be aware of moving forward.

# James Pappas-Asia Program, China Townhall

James attended the HGSA meeting today to ask HGSA if it would be willing to affiliate with the Asia Program, since they need a Registered Student Organization to advertise. This is especially pressing because the Asia Program is holding the China Townhall Meeting on October 5th.

HGSA’s affiliation will not cost us anything.

# Jason Hogstad-GPSA Rep. Report

Jason spoke of GPSA current project, the creation of a strategic plan, part of which will entail asking graduate student and RSOs what they want from the governing body moving forward.

The Community Affairs Committee, which mediates interaction and service to the community around WSU wants to cull ideas from the graduate student population in how best we can serve the community. If we have idea, let Jason not.

# Calen Rau- RCI Rep. Report

Calen reported that not RCI Steering committees have been held yet, but that new sitting member from CCGRS is on the committee. The first meeting of the academic year will be held on September 29th.

# Renee Torres- Colloquium Rep. Report.

Renee has planned to set up meetings with Dr. Stratton to discuss Colloquiums for the fall. The plan as of right now is to focus heavily on teaching during the Fall, and more on professionalization during the Spring. Brian suggested a CV Colloquium might be helpful, while Jason proposed asking Dr. Spohnholz to provide another funding colloquium. Carey further proposed a Post-Doc colloquium might be helpful because those present have not had one during their time as WSU.

# Carey McCormack- Vancouver Rep. Report

Nothing much to currently report, only that there have been plans to hold cross-humanities events at the Vancouver campus.

# Fred Hardyway- Faculty Rep. Report

Fred was not present at today’s meeting.

# Daniel Fogt- PhD Rep. Report

Daniel’s report consisted mainly of a discussion of his intent to create a list of funding opportunities for PhD students, which will include taking a survey of our current PhDs research interests.

# Conference Discussion

Meeting to discuss specifics to be held next Wednesday at 9am, e-mails going out this week.

Most of the discussion had here involved discussing ways to get students from other departments involved. Carey said that she would ask around the Vancouver campus to gauge interest.

Two scenarios were proposed for the conference moving forward: A graduate interdisciplinary conference (like last year) or an RCI (Undergrad) based conference, or perhaps, a mixture of the two.

# Brian Stack-Closing Comments

Next Meeting to be held Wednesday, October 28th at 10 a.m.