**HGSA Meeting Agenda**

**August 28, 2017**

**Wilson Short 333**

Melanie Reimann called the meeting to order at 11:00am, PDT.

**Members Present**

Taylor Hermsen, Melanie Reimann, Amanda Svehla, Nick Martin, Matthias Baudinet, Kat Cassiere, Karl Krotke-Crandall, Sarah Beth Gumm, Brian Stack, Ryan Booth, Randy Powell, Kevin Kipers, Sam Fleischer.

1. Officer’s Reports
   1. Chair/PhD Rep
      1. Send personal biographies and office hours to Cassandra.
      2. Note — the professor for whom you TA cannot make you work on another of their courses. You are only responsible for the class to which you are assigned.
      3. Mental Health — Please keep in mind that all on-campus services are also available to graduate students. Ensure your own health via proper sleeping and eating.
      4. Important dates:
         1. Colloquium on selecting good RCI topics — 8/31, 12pm, WS 333.
         2. 9/4 — Deadline to file for payroll deduction.
         3. 9/19 — Deadline to drop classes without record; last day to apply for residency.
   2. GPSA Rep
      1. Summer Travel Grant — “Summer” classification applies to all travel up to 9/8. Deadline for applying for this fund: 9/11.
      2. Professional Development Initiative — Geared toward non-academic careers. Some symposiums are future-academic oriented.
         1. See the GPSA website.
         2. There are seven events in September alone.
      3. “Versatile PhD Membership”
         1. See the GPSA website.
      4. The Guide App
         1. Launched this year.
         2. Exceptionally helpful resource for incoming students. Links their classes, due dates, administrative deadlines with an app profile.
      5. New program from the Provost: “Activity Insight”
         1. New system for evaluation. Oriented toward faculty.
      6. Library “Cuts”
         1. Administrators located an additional $500,000 in funding to support existing collections.
         2. Cuts will still occur, but will affect fewer sources.
         3. Targeted cuts (i.e. those resources that shifted to meet a more selective audience, e.g. Lexis Nexus) are the focus on current conversations.
      7. Football Tickets
         1. Use the code GPSA to access the 100 tickets set aside per game.
         2. Must purchase two weeks before the game.
      8. New GPSA Study Center
         1. Located on the ground level of the Terrell Library.
         2. New computers, new furniture, new group study spaces.
      9. Evening Childcare
         1. Pay a flat monthly fee for unlimited use.
         2. Care for children six weeks to twelve years old.
         3. May make payments online.
      10. Usefulness of GPSA events.
          1. Check with Nick — he will give input on the applicability of events to our perspective.
      11. Ice Cream Social
          1. 9/20, 12:00-3:00pm
          2. Free ice cream (and lots of it) at Ferdinands.
      12. New Committee on Campus Climate
          1. Dealing with social climate on campus.
          2. Related to published “Campus Climate Index”
      13. Get signed up for WSU campus alerts.
      14. Student discount available for NFL Sunday Ticket.
          1. About a $75 savings on the season.
      15. On home football game days
          1. Avoid campus, get shopping done on “like…Thursday.”
      16. New Health Care
          1. Beware a slight delay in receiving bills.
             1. Expect a 3-4 week delay at minimum at first.
          2. Long-timers: the provider is United Health. If you were at WSU 3-4 years ago, you may already have a profile.
      17. RCI Conference
          1. Partnered with the Northwest Undergraduate Research Conference
             1. Held on 11/4
          2. We will receive an email soon related to this event.
          3. Mentors for perspective student presenters are needed now.
      18. Vote held on GPSA resolution denouncing white supremacy.
          1. Unanimously in favor of supporting resolution.
   3. Vancouver Rep
      1. Consider the pressing need for TAs in Vancouver, especially in the coming years.
      2. Must be a PhD and finished with coursework.
   4. Colloquium Rep
      1. Thursday, 8/31, 12:00pm. Colloquium on RCI topic selection.
   5. Faculty Rep
      1. First meeting is on Wednesday (8/30). Will report more in future meetings.
   6. Graduate Studies Rep
      1. In conversation with Dr. Sutton regarding the lack of specific dates for PhD comprehensive exams.
      2. Pursuing resolution.
   7. Blog Representative
      1. Still needed a name.
         1. After discussion, decided on the name “Historical Spaghetti: You Can’t Make this Stuff Up.”
      2. We may not advocate for specific political measure or candidates.
         1. We may discuss political issues, but may not expressly encourage readers to “vote for \_\_\_” or “vote \_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_.”
2. New Business
   1. No new business was brought before the group.

Melanie Reimann adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:00pm, PDT.