**Meeting 11/13**

Melanie:

* Register for classes.
* Statement on Chan Departure:
  + Draft language sent out today.
  + Brian — Raised question based on how the wording might come off to faculty.
    - Issue of whether we are speaking on behalf of students, or an organization of students complaining against faculty.

Nick:

* Visitors in previous meeting.
  + Associate Dean of College of Arts and Sciences
    - Made statement, not allowed to ask questions.
    - Fairly boilerplate message about website improvement.
    - Do now offer emergency loans from CAS. Ideal for dental emergency, things not covered by insurance, etc. Ranging from $100-a few hundred dollars.
  + Daily Evergreen
    - Looking for a graduate student on staff.
    - Editors, writers, and columnist positions available, all paid positions.
* Open committee positions in GPSA.
  + Historical Preservation Committee
* “BetterHelp Teleservices”
  + Call-in, Skype, texting counseling services. 100% covered. Must sign-up through health services website to use.
  + Available to undergraduate students.
* Union Update
  + Not worth it for any of the humanities. Would result in net loss of approximately 20% in our income.
  + Strong possibility that sciences will move forward with unionization.
  + Consensus across the humanities—if GPSA chooses to unionize, likely that humanities will exit organization.
* Tax Reform
  + See Nick’s email on the subject.
  + Senate version of the bill much more likely to pass (according to source close to high-ranking congressional Republican).
  + Make phone calls to congress-people.
  + National Alliance for the Humanities: Has forms by which you can contact representatives on these and other issues.

Karl:

* As of next year, will be the only TA left at Vancouver. Expect email soon asking for ABDs to transition westward.

Brian:

* 1677 views on blog.
* Still need a post for the end of the month, another for December.
* January and February covered, more spots available in March.
* Thursday next week — Brian hosting department Thanksgiving.

Kat:

* Colloquium on November 27th, Hatter leading, on fellowship applications. 12pm, Wilson-Short 333.

Randy:

* Continued interest in graduate student opinions on possible faculty transfer.
* Current TA funding assured, by way of Dr. Sutton.

New Business:

* “The Website Issue”
  + Should we reexamine the quality of the grad school profiles? Consider adding CV’s, etc. to profiles.