

History Graduate Student Organization
General Meeting
22 February 2007
5:00pm
Roadhouse Restaurant

Minutes

Officers Present: Joshua Schier, Jonathan Thurn.

Members Present: Krista Anderson, Brian Becker, Elise Boneau, Emilie Bruce, Michael Cheyne, Rachel Graf, Keena Graham, Andrew Peim, David Shoup.

I. The meeting came to order at 5:15pm. The agenda and minutes were distributed and accepted without changes.

II. Committee Reports

A. Faculty. Emily B. reported that there have been two meetings of the General Faculty Committee since the last HGSO meeting. They approved fourth-year funding for all doctoral students at both TA and DA levels. They also opened a tenure track position for medieval studies with a European or wider geographic concentration. Joshua S. will see if we can have someone on the search committee.

B. Graduate Studies. Joshua S. reported that there is nothing new from the graduate studies committee.

C. Undergraduate Studies. Elise B. reported that the Undergraduate Studies Committee continues to reorganize the major and minor slips. There will be more 300 and 400-level classes -- the 400-level classes are now classified as writing intensive. The changes will affect incoming classes only.

D. Events. Keena Graham reported that there is nothing new from the Events Committee.

E. Research. Travis Bruce was not present to report.

F. GSAC. David S. reported that GSAC is opening their search for a Vice Chair for the next two years. Dean Pyenson offered to make the Vice Chair position full-time if GSAC would allow him to target the position to specific departments. GSAC rejected the option.

III. Financial Report. In Stacey's absence, Joshua S. reported that we will have money for another faculty lecture this semester in addition to our budget for Prof. Nirenberg's lecture.

IV. Old Business

- A. Faculty Speaker. Joshua S. reported that Prof. Martini has accepted our invitation to give a faculty lecture sometime in April and prefers that it be a Friday.
- B. Spring Speaker. The secretary reported that HGSO has received full funding from GSAC for the Nirenberg lecture (\$2500). The venue for the lecture has been moved to Fetzer Hall 1010 and the reception will take place in the lounge area. The change of venue was mandated by GSAC to hold a larger audience: the Meader room holds sixty, the Fetzer ninety.

Prof. Nirenberg has forwarded the lecturer (independent contractor) contract so HGSO can pay him. This process has been extraordinarily difficult as there were three papers for him to sign and notarize as well as one voucher for HGSO to submit with his papers.

The secretary is currently waiting for his flight information which the secretary will forward to the necessary parties.

Fetzer now has our menu order. It turned out to be a rather nice spread.

HGSO has needed to re-register for RSO status. Apparently this is necessary each year despite our lengthy presence on campus. This is but another demonstration of the extreme amount of red tape impeding our event.

Joshua S. passed around a sign-up list for Nirenberg's visit.

As the Goliards are financially strapped from their Bowling fiasco earlier this semester, they have offered us more limited funds in supporting the Nirenberg lecture, \$200. Hence, HGSO will not be able to sponsor a HGSO sponsored dinner the night before, but will instead sponsor a luncheon discussion the noon of the main lecture.

V. New Business. There was no new business.

VI. Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place Thursday, 22 March 2007, at 5:00pm at the Roadhouse.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Thurn
Secretary