
I. Welcome and Introductions. The meeting came to order at 6:10pm. David Z. introduced the officers and welcomed the new and continuing members.


A. Cristina M. reminded the members that dues—$10/year—are payable to her.

B. David Z. mentioned the successful soda fundraiser. We stock various soft drinks in the bottom drawer of the fridge for $0.50 per can. The organization makes a small profit and provides a thus-far popular service to the membership and department faculty and staff. The officers welcome any soda suggestions.

C. Cristina M. described the proposal to open a CafePress shop for additional funding. Although there was some concern for the short interest of such an endeavor, David Z. called for design and product ideas from the membership.

III. Committee Representatives. David Z. asked for volunteers to sit in our allotted seats on faculty committees. The appointed representatives are as listed below.

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IV. Events and Schedule

A. David Z. announced that Kenneth Mills, Director of Latin American Studies at the University of Toronto, will be speaking at this year’s Hamner Lecture, October
26. Dr. Mills’s research concerns saints in the New World; he is a late medieval scholar.

B. The department will sponsor a number of workshops for graduate students in the upcoming months. Prof. Julien will host a workshop concerning grant applications; Prof. Berkhofer will hold one on applying to graduate schools.

C. HGSO is sponsoring a speaker this semester. Prof. Stone will discuss her paper “Gender and the ‘Culture Wars’ of Fin de Siècle France” from noon to 2pm at the Dean’s conference room (Friedmann Hall 2302) on October 6. We will provide lunch. The paper will be pre-circulated in the common room and though the officers.

D. David Z. proposed that we consider a second book talk for the Fall semester. Names may be proposed at the next meeting.

E. Concerning the Spring semester speaker, who is planned to come from outside the department or possibly the university, David Z. asked for speaker suggestions. He suggested Bob Bain who could speak on the teaching of history. The secretary suggested David Nirenberg, soon to be of the University of Chicago, who could speak on religious violence. Keena G. suggested Laurence Clayton, a scholar of Spanish colonial history. David Z. also suggested Darlene Clark Hein of Northwestern University, a scholar of gender. And Joshua K. suggested William Cronon of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a scholar of the history of the West. It was resolved to table the selection until the next meeting. Members should bring information to support their nominations to the meeting.

F. After much discussion, the most available time for meetings appeared to be 6:30pm on Tuesday evenings. Concerning the meeting location, David Z. mentioned that last year most of the meetings took place at the Roadhouse, where attendees were responsible for their own bill. David Z. proposed that we meet at a pizza place, where HGSO would provide food in an effort to increase attendance at meetings. Joshua K. proposed that we meet on campus. Cristina M. moved that we schedule our next meeting for 6:30pm on Tuesday, October 3, at the Roadhouse. Joshua S. seconded the motion and it passed.

V. Other matters. David moved that HGSO spend $20 for a gift for Prof. Palmitessa’s new child. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Thurn