History Graduate Student Organization  
General Meeting  
28 November 2006  
6:30pm  
Roadhouse Restaurant  

Minutes  

Officers Present: Cristina Moody, Stacey Moore, Joshua Schier, Jonathan Thurn.  

I. The meeting came to order at 6:38pm. The agenda and minutes were distributed and accepted without changes.  

II. Committee Reports  

A. Faculty. David Zwart was not present to report.  

B. Graduate Studies. Concerning teaching load, Joshua S. reported that many doctoral students expressed a desire not to prepare a new class at the same time that they are studying for comprehensive exams. There is a continuing discussion on the possibility of raising graduate student funding.  

C. Undergraduate Studies. Elise B. said there was nothing new to report.  

D. Events. Keena Graham was not present to report.  

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

F. GSAC. David S. reported that Diane Rhem will be speaking at Western in the spring. Also planned is an anti-racism panel and a one-day, paid trip to Chicago (including admission to one museum, travel, and one meal).  

III. Financial Report. Joshua S. reported that we are currently waiting for our operating expenses request to be granted by GFAC at their next meeting. Stacey M., David Zwart, and Cristina M. will work out amongst themselves the transfer of bank access.  

IV. Old Business  

A. Spring Speaker Invitation. The secretary reported that he continues to wait for a response from Dr. Nirenberg. [Dr. Nirenberg later accepted HGSO's proposal and negotiations are currently underway for the honorarium, date, and location.]  

B. Save East Campus Letter. Joshua K. has a draft letter that appropriate officials are examining.
C. Dr. Stone's Retirement Gift. Joshua K. suggested that we give her an art museum membership as per the suggestion of Robert Duke. The secretary will examine the museums and membership levels and advise the executive council. [At Dr. Stone's Retirement Party, on December 8, Cristina Moody presented Dr. Stone with a card and announced that HGSO was giving her a membership at the Portland Art Museum.]

D. End of Semester Party. After much discussion of possible dates, the secretary moved, David S. seconded, that we hold the party on Friday, December 15. The motion passed. Elise Boneau offered, and the members accepted, her house for the party. She lives at 319 Edgemoor. The executive council will coordinate the party supplies and time later.

V. Other Business. Joshua S. reminded the membership that GSAC will sponsor Jorge Cham, the creator of the Piled Higher and Deeper comic strip at the Fetzer Center on December 1. Joshua K. in his role as Head TA reminded the membership to wash their dishes in the common room.

VI. Next Meeting. The next meeting will take place Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at the Roadhouse. Joshua K. voiced his wish that the meeting take place at the department instead.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Thurn
Secretary