History Graduate Student Organization
Sixth Meeting—Spring 2014
February 7, 2014 -6:30pm
Bilbo’s Pizza, Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo MI
Presiding officers: Chelsea Stevens-President, Peter Dobek-Vice President, Leland Hart-Treasurer, Iris Petty – Secretary

Members present: Spencer Hunt, Kyle Moerchen, Kyler Williamsen

I. Call to Order
   a. 6:42 pm

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Reports

A. Graduate Studies Committee
   a. Application review in process

B. Faculty
   a. Meeting with provost
   b. Faculty argued that history is still viable, pushed for university recognition of faculty accomplishments such as grants, etc., from sources outside the university.

C. Undergraduate Studies
   a. Committee discussed changes to course titles in order to better reflect course content and spark interest in students
      i. Way to put course description directly on course registration website?
   b. Committee has been reviewing WI (Writing Intensive) course guidelines

D. Research
   a. Deborah Kammen’s lecture was cancelled due to WMU closure.
   b. To be rescheduled as a Skype session.

E. TAU
   a. Petitioning to eliminate in-state vs. out-of-state tuition differences
   b. Petitioning to have TA’s treated as part-time employees.

F. Phi Alpha Theta
   a. No report

G. GSAC
a. History has new representative from Anthropology department who represents several departments to GSAC
   i. History losing autonomy/representation with GSAC?

V. HGSO Committee Representatives

A. Fundraising
   a. Coffee Sales – Spencer Hunt
      i. Orders due Feb. 17th, coffee will be delivered Feb. 21.

B. Social Affairs
   a. Tubing/Game Night Options – Vote
      i. Tubing on Saturday, March 1st from 1-3pm at Maple Street Magnet Middle School (922 W. Maple Street, Kalamazoo)
      ii. Friends and family invited
      iii. Must bring own sled or tube
      iv. HGSO will provide hot beverages (cocoa, cider)
      v. Contact Kyle Moerchen for more information
   b. March Meeting/Party Agenda
      i. To be scheduled
         1. Meeting/St. Patrick’s Day potluck and party
         2. Sign-up sheet to go around for potluck
         3. Contact Kyle Moerchen for more information

C. Research Award Committee
   a. No meeting until March

D. Workshop Committee
   a. Grant Application Workshop (Final Planning Stages)
   b. Maps/Introduction to Map Resources in Library Workshop

E. Spring Speaker
   a. Wednesday, March 19, 5:00pm
   b. Location TBA
      i. Meader Rare Book Room has leak
   c. GFAC travel funding approved as of end of HGSO meeting
   d. Event is now fully funded

VI. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Leland Hart
      a. $1,245 in account
      b. $228 cash

VII. New Business
   a. Lunch Talk – Dr. Cousins, February 17, noon
      a. “The Significance of Insignificance in Historical Biography”
VIII. Old Business
   a. Deborah Kammen – rescheduled for Skype lecture (TBA)
   b. Roundtable for HGSO/PAT
      a. Rachel Syens needs to organize this in coordination with Dr. Cousins
   c. HGSO Workshop Nights for Undergraduate History Papers
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   d. Welcome Packets – Volunteers: Kyler Williamsen and Eric Denby Need more volunteers, schedule first meeting
   e. T-Shirts?