HGSO Executive Board Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2014
Conducted at the house of Peter Dobek

I. Called to Order at 4:50

- Officers Present: Claire Herhold – President, Peter Dobek – Vice President, Spencer Hunt – Secretary, Kyle Moerchen – Treasurer

II. Amendment to HGSO Constitution

- The executive board recreated the amendment to Article IV of the HGSO Constitution passed in the Spring of 2014, the official language of which could not be found. This amendment was presented to the HGSO general body at the next meeting. In an attempt to minimize vote coercion and promote the selection of the Spring Speaker based on the merits of the nominee the amendment does the following:

  o Changes the submission process of Spring Speaker nomination so all submissions are sent directly to the HGSO president

  o Separates the name of the nominating student from the nominated speaker, keeping the name of the nominating student undisclosed, except to the HGSO President, until after a speaker is elected.

  o Original language of amended passage:

    “All graduate students will be allowed to propose nominees for the spring speaker in a timely fashion to the HGSO secretary or other officers or as directed in the official announcement.”

  o Amendment reads as follows (new language indicated by italics):

    “All graduate students will be allowed to propose nominees for the spring speaker in a timely fashion to the HGSO president as directed in the official announcement.

    Once submitted, nominations will be presented on the ballot without the names of the nominators. Nominators will remain anonymous to the general membership, with the exception of the president, until the selection has been made.”

- The executive board discussed drafting an additional amendment to create a nomination committee for Spring Speaker selection, as suggested in Spring 2014. Board members deemed such a committee logistically unfeasible and too difficult to align with HGSO’s purpose and objectives.

IV. Approved Agenda for HGSO General Meeting
V. Discussed HGSO Meeting Times and Locations

- Agreed to move meeting from the first Friday of each month to the second Friday of the month to accommodate Art Hop.

- Agreed to seek out members willing to host meetings at places of residence to promote increased attendance. Bilbo’s suggested as alternative location.

VI. Discussed HGSO Cloud Storage Option

- Agreed to open HGSO Gmail account to enable free use of Google documents and online storage for official documentation and communication between HGSO Executive Board regarding HGSO.

- Agreed to suspend creation of HGSO internet storage accounts pending confirmation of compliance with WMU regulations for Registered Student Organizations.

VII. Settled Outstanding Payments

VIII. Meeting Closed at approximately 5:50 p.m.

Minutes Faithfully Taken and Transcribed by: Spencer Hunt – HGSO Secretary
Submitted: Sept. 12, 2014