I. Called to Order at 6:04pm

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

II. Approval of Agenda (Motion by Eric Denby, Seconded by Rachel Hekman) – Unanimously Approved

III. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer’s Report – Kyle Moerchen

- Total funds available: $1,153
- Most funds from member dues.

b. Graduate Studies – Savannah Shipman

- No information. Representative had not received any email notification of meetings from faculty.

c. Undergraduate Studies – Kyle Moerchen

- Currently discussing courses in the history department that could be included in the listings for the legal studies and global studies minors.

d. Faculty – Spencer Hunt

- Cordia fund for teaching has matured. Summer funding for graduate students still going to happen, but where the funds will come from is unclear at this point. Discussed declining enrollment university wide and in the departments specifically. Discussed possibilities for next chair of History Department.

e. Research – Claire Herhold

- First Breisach Colloquium will be Monday November 3. Professor Berto will present on frontier cultures.

- Hamner Lecture will be October 23 at 6:30pm. Ian Morris from Stanford, a professor of archeology, will present. There is a possibility for graduate students to have lunch with Dr. Morris. If interested in this lunch opportunity, please contact Claire Herhold.
f. TAU – Eric Denby, Lindsey Schmidt, Kyler Williamson

- Eric and Lindsey presented on a meeting to take place a week from Friday. This meeting is to be a follow up to the previous meeting and the official member meeting for October.

g. GAS – Claire Herhold, Savannah Shipman, Spencer Hunt, Jeremy Killion

- First Meetings was mainly introductions. Senate system goes into effect as of next meetings. We must have a representative present at all meetings to get any money.

- A new waiver system is going into effect to allow students who have to go outside Michigan for school or research to account for this time in their application for in-state status.

- Claire voiced suggestion that $600 operations budget for RSOs might be worth looking into.

h. Events – Lindsey Schmidt

- Representative has not received any response from faculty on the committee. Nothing to report.

i. Phi Alpha Theta – Joe Helzer

- There is a public history conference in Nashville. If you are interested please contact Joe for more information.

- Phi Alpha Theta wants to invite more graduate students to attend their meetings Wednesdays at 6:00pm in the large conference room. They would like graduate students to share their thoughts with the undergrads about graduate school.

IV. HGSO Committee Reports

a. Fundraising – Yoon-rim Kim, Lindsey Schmidt, Kyle Moerchen, Spencer Hunt (As consultant for Coffee Sales)

i. Coffee Sales – going on until October 24. If you have any questions please contact Lindsey Schmidt. Yoon Kim will handle coffee distribution and questions on the day of delivery.
• Next month the committee has talked of conducting a bake sale with a corresponding baking party. Suggested that people pre-order for the baked goods instead of trying to sell from a table.

b. Social Affairs – Peter Dobek, Alex Milnikel, Jeremy Killion, Lindsey Schmidt

i. Pete’s Homecoming Tailgate Extravaganza – People should show up 2.5 hours before the game. A large group will also attend the game after tailgating. Pete will email Lindsey further information.

ii. Halloween Party – Suggestion of possibly opening this event to the Medieval Institute. Lindsey will look into the possibility of renting the club house at her apartment complex. Kyle suggested monetary prizes for costume contest.

c. Workshop committee – Alex Milnikel, Mike Kuethe, Skylar Brez

• 21st of October is the tentative date for the PhD application workshop with Dr. Palmitessa. Look for an email once the date is set. Suggestion to expand the invitation to include the Medieval Institute.

• Zotero workshop will be offered by Eric Denby. There will be multiple events in this series spread out over November and December.

• Dr. Palimtessa likes the idea of a library resources workshop. Current planning will have this event early next semester.

• The committee is developing ideas for a grant writing workshop.

• Please contact committee member with any workshop ideas. Suggestion of an Elearning workshop with Dr. Hadden and Dr. Yoshida.

d. Research Award – Mike Kuethe, Kyle Moerchen, Spencer Hunt

• Committee has not met yet.

V. Spring Speaker

a. Nominees - Nominations are due by Friday. Emails of the speakers’ CVs and ballots will be distributed the following Monday.


VI. New Business
a. T-Shirts – Suggestion of T-shirts to be sold at the History Happening event in April. Dorilee says the history department supports the idea of T-Shirts.

- Suggestion of opening a cloud storage account for HGSO to facilitate paperwork sharing and start a proto-archival system. Proponents of the online storage also suggest this will aid in creating an institutional memory for HGSO. Some voiced concern over who will have access to this storage. Supporters suggested E-board would have full access and individuals would have access to the committee files relevant to them. All information would be public to view, but not to edit.
  - Motion unanimously passed. Record lost of who made motion and who seconded.

VII. Announcements

- Peter Dobek announced Movember charity event. In the month of November member of the charity will grow mustaches to raise awareness about men’s health and male cancers. The group will also accept donations for research in these areas.

- Eric Denby announced that TAU is accepting nominations for its Community Development Grant. He urged people to nominate local Kalamazoo charities that are dear to them.

- Lindsey Schmidt announced that the animal shelter she volunteers for will bring dogs to campus Thursday as a fundraiser. The event will take place from 11:00-4:30 at the Goldsworth Pond Pavilion.

- Kyle Moerchen invited members to join him and others for racquet ball games at the student recreation center. The group meets Wednesday mornings. Kyle also asked if there was any interest in evening games.

- Claire Herhold invited everyone to the Public History Club associated with Phi Alpha Theta.

Meeting closed at 6:45 (Motion by Lindsey Schmidt, Seconded by Eric Denby).

Minutes Faithfully Taken and Transcribed by: Spencer Hunt – HGSO Secretary
Submitted: Nov. 11, 2014