HGSO General Membership Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2015

Presiding Officers: Kyler Williamsen – President, Claire Herhold – Vice President, Joe Helzer – Treasurer, Mike Kuethe – Secretary

I. Call to Order – 6:21 PM

II. Approval of the Agenda
   • Motioned by Claire, Seconded by Joe – passed 12-0

III. Welcome and Announcements
   a. Welcome new grads (and collection of dues)
   b. Set date for next meeting
   c. Induction of honorary members
      • New members were given an explanation of the 3 tier membership system introduced under the new constitution
      • The Constitutional procedure for inducting honorary members was explained, and identified as the “Baxter Gill Clause”
      • Members voted to extend honorary membership to Baxter Gill, Christina Williamsen, Emily Hunt, and Raven Moerchen; motioned by Claire, seconded by Alex – passed 12-0
   d. Thank you card for the $500 departmental scholarship
      • Claire Herhold checked to make sure all present had received the $500 departmental scholarship
      • Membership voted to purchase a thank you card for Dr. Brandão and Dorilee Schieble; passed 11-0 with one abstention
      • Card will be placed in Kyler Williamsen’s mailbox for signatures

Agenda paused for introductions so new and returning members could get acquainted

IV. Representatives and Committees
   • Members given a description of each committee and the various organizations to which the HGSO may send representatives

Agenda paused to receive an update on the Teaching Assistant’s Union from Claire, who is serving as treasurer of the TAU
   • After canvassing in the first week of the semester, 58% of the WMU Graduate Assistants are members of the TAU
   • next TAU event scheduled for September 26th 11:00-2:00, tentatively located in the Bernhard Center
Agenda resumed and the secretary received the names of those interested in serving as representatives of the HGSO on departmental committees and other organizations

- Graduate Studies: Mike Kuethe, Thomas Maurer serving as alternate
- Faculty: Emily Potts, Kyler Williamsen serving as alternate
- Undergraduate Studies: Ruth Aardsma Benton, Patrick Hargis serving as alternate
- Research: Joe Helzer, Patrick Hargis serving as alternate
- Events: Joe Helzer

- TAU: Kyler Williamsen
- Phi Alpha Theta: Joe Helzer and Patrick Hargis
- GSAC: Kyler Williamsen, Jeremy Killion, Alex Milnikel, and Patrick Hargis
- Student Integrity Review: Joe Helzer and Rachel Hekman

Members also formed HGSO committees for Fundraising, Social Affairs, Workshop, Spring Speaker, and the Nora Faires Travel and Research Award

V. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Presentation of the Annual Budget
      - Treasurer Joe Helzer gave a report on the HGSO finances of the previous year and proposed the following budget for this academic year:
        $132 for general meetings
        $20 for Social Committee
        $20 for Workshop Committee
        $30 for Miscellaneous Overflow
        $100 projected donation to the Nora Faire Endowment

      b. Committee Deliberations

   c. Approval of the Annual Budget
      - Proposed allocating $10 budgeted for Miscellaneous overflow into the Social Committee’s funds; motioned by Spencer, seconded by Pete – passed 9-2 with 1 abstention
      - Budget approved; motioned by Claire, seconded by Spencer, 10-0 with 2 abstentions

VI. Other Business and Announcements
   - Patrick Hargis spoke to the membership about the Public History Student Society at Western Michigan, a currently inactive organization that he wished to revive

Meeting Adjourned; motioned by Kyler, seconded by Joe – passed 12-0