HGSO General Membership Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2016

Presiding Officers: Kyler Williamsen – President, Joseph Helzer – Treasurer, Michael Kuethe – Secretary
Claire Herhold – Vice President, in absentia

I. Call to Order – 7:10 PM

II. Approval of the Agenda

III. General Announcements

   a. Set Date for Next Meeting
      • date for the next meeting set as February 12th

IV. Representative and Committee Reports

   a. Faculty Representatives and Other Organizations

      i. Graduate Studies Representatives – Thomas Maurer, Michael Kuethe
         • The graduate studies committees have not met since the beginning of the semester

      ii. Faculty Committee Representatives – Kyler Williamsen, Emily Potts
         • The faculty committee has not met since the beginning of the semester

      iii. Undergraduate Studies Committee – Ruth Aardsma-Benton
         • The committee is continuing to develop a list of outcomes and objectives for the History program which has been requested by the university administration
         • The committee also discussed the presentation of an undergraduate writing award, although the HGSO representative was asked to leave the meeting for that discussion

      iv. Research Committee – Joseph Helzer
         • The research committee has not met since the beginning of the semester
         • Members were reminded of Dr. Wilson Warren’s Breisach Colloquium presentation on January 25th at noon

   v. Teaching Assistant’s Union – Kyler Williamsen, Claire Herhold
      • The TAU has not met since the beginning of the semester

   vi. Phi Alpha Theta – Joseph Helzer
      • Phi Alpha Theta will continue to meet at 5:00 on Thursday evenings in the History Department throughout the spring semester; HGSO members are encouraged to attend
• Phi Alpha Theta is also planning a group trip to the Alamo Drafthouse in downtown Kalamazoo for a viewing of *The Revenant* at 7:15 on January 21st

vii. Graduate Student Association – Kyler Williamsen, Jeremy Killion, Patrick Hargis, Alexander Milnikel
• The GSA has not met since the beginning of the semester

viii. Events Committee – Kyler Williamsen
• The events committee has not met since the beginning of the semester

b. HGSO Committees

   i. Fundraising Committee – Lindsey Schmidt, Alexander Milnikel, Joseph Helzer, Spencer Hunt
   • The committee has begun to plan a bake sale for some time in the spring semester
   • Committee members are also in the process of setting up a rent-a-pup fundraising through the Kalamazoo Animal Rescue Project

   ii. Social Committee – Lindsey Schmidt, Rachel Hekman, Jeremy Killion, Patrick Hargis, Alexander Milnikel, Savannah
   • The committee has discussed combining a social committee event with the Phi Alpha Theta viewing of *The Revenant* on January 21st

   iii. Workshop Committee – Ruth Aardsma-Benton, Michael Kueth, Spencer Hunt
   • The workshop committee has not met since the beginning of the semester

   iv. Spring Speaker Committee
   • The committee will file its application for funding with the Graduate Student Association on or by February 1st
   • The committee will defend its application at the GSA meeting on February 9th
   • The committee is price checking advertising options to secure the best value for flyers

V. Treasurer’s Report – Joseph Helzer
• Treasurer Joseph Helzer reviewed the organization’s account balance, cash total, and recent revenue

Meeting Adjourned at 7:36; motioned by Kyler Williamsen, seconded by Rachel Heckman – passed 10-0