Minutes for 10/6/17

- Verbal agenda
  - Debate over whether we have to motion it
    - Motion successful
- Graduate Studies
  - Haven’t met yet
  - Dillon to talk with Dorilee
- Undergraduate Studies
  - Ruth wants to do a workshop or special program with faculty about pedagogy, teaching strategies, probing interest
    - Typically a class every other year, but next time it’ll be offered is next year, so this could be good
- Faculty
  - Haven’t heard anything juicy yet
- Research
  - Thursday next week, Scott Magelson – sponsored by Medieval Institute, does living history – Magelson a theater professor, so that’s interesting
  - Also Thursday next week is Hamner Lecture – it’s our homecoming lecture, please go – faculty notice if you go or not so go for the food if for nothing else
- TAU
  - Bargaining will begin in earnest in January, right now focusing on mobilizing, add membership to strengthen our position for bargaining – the more members the better we are
  - Various bargaining committees to focus on different aspects, e.g. health care, access to gym during Summer II, pay raises, etc.
  - Over 60% membership as of today! Warning: under 50% union could fold
- GSA
  - Nothing of any importance covered, as per usual
  - Kept making “you paid for this food so enjoy it jokes” boo GSA
  - Allocating more money for RSOs to get, so more money potentially available for Spring Speaker for us
  - New allocation of 10,000 “participatory budget” – if you can think of something to improve campus and might help grad students propose something, could run a project, but can’t be used purely for grad students
    - E.g. they want more phone charging stations on campus
  - Peer-reviewing papers
  - Claire will join this committee since she’s already going
- Events
  - Merged with research
- Phi Alpha Theta
  - Mondays at 5, I’ll start showing up because I’ve been lazy and am a poor investigator, sorry team
• Fundraising Committee
  o Haven’t met yet, we’ll do that soon
  o Next month or two do a fundraiser
    ▪ Emily suggests Christmas wrapping paper fundraiser, we’ll have to look into that a little more but sounds good
• Social Committee
  o Next weekend homecoming, kegs and eggs, tailgate for four hours before and then maybe do something afterwards
    ▪ RSVP to Pete
    ▪ Institute knows, they’ll likely join us
  o Halloween Party
    ▪ In Institute bylaws Goliards MUST throw Halloween Party
    ▪ Ian and Tempest might throw it, unsure though
    ▪ Josh and Emma’s wedding on 10/28
      • Maybe Friday 10/27 party instead?
      • Emily points out that if we wait for next weekend we could get Halloween stuff for cheap
  o “Movember” – not No Shave November but basically No Shave November
    ▪ Grow a mustache in November for cancer awareness
• Workshop
  o Probably need one more person on committee
  o Pedagogy idea good
  o Other ideas: grant writing, resume writing, generally “how-to-do grad school”
• Spring Speaker
  o Austin interested in people in Scotland, but would be challenging to get enough money to fly them roundtrip, could see how much we can get from GSA
    ▪ Could also do a professor from Wichita State who talks about how disease impacts societies, societal evolution, does world history
  o Should start coming up with names within next couple weeks, would love new student impact
• New Business
  o Ben: “I was sitting in Palmitessa’s class and he was talking ‘and you know you should plan for something outside academia, it’s ok,’ so I was thinking I could start contacting companies, other places to ask how you can use a History M.A. in ways outside the field, could work as a lone wolf outside workshop committee but open to suggestions”
    ▪ Working with police departments a possibility
    ▪ Lots of interest in making it a workshop, might do a workshop on this during the semester
• Adjourned (legally)