HGSO Meeting Minutes for 9.10.18

Present: Pete Dobek, Austin Setter, Madison Prall, Claire Herhold, Ruth Aardsma-Benton, Dillon Knackstedt, Tre Goodhue, Alicia Risk, Sydne Johnson, Colin Rensch

7:00 pm, 4413 Friedmann Hall

I. Introductions
   a. Skip—we all know each other

II. Agenda Approval
   a. Approved

III. Faculty Committee Representatives
   a. Graduate Studies
      i. Consultant position
      ii. Often asked to step out
      iii. Not a huge commitment—mostly meets in the fall
      iv. Goes over student handbook to approve requirements for degrees
      v. Colin volunteered
   b. Undergraduate Studies
      i. Approve requirements for degrees
      ii. Ruth volunteered
   c. Faculty
      i. Juicy position
      ii. Meets every other week on Wednesday at 12:00
      iii. Cookies and coffee
      iv. Alicia volunteered
   d. Research & Events
      i. Get pizza to Breisach Colloquiums
      ii. Work with Dorilee
      iii. Plan out speaker series/Breisach Colloquiums
      iv. Help with two “retreats” at Christmas and Spring
      v. Dillon volunteered
   e. TAU
      i. Claire has updates/information as the president
      ii. Interest in serving as department steward (keeps an eye out on how things are going in history department)
      iii. Austin and Madison volunteered
      iv. First organizing committee is Thurs. at 7 pm
   f. GSA
      i. We need 4 reps—only 1 has to go to each meeting
      ii. One lunch per month—free buffet provided
      iii. Long and boring→not fun (decision making about budget allocation)
      iv. Tre, Austin, Claire, and Alicia
   g. Phi Alpha Theta
i. Optional to send rep (but preferable)
ii. Meet Tuesday nights at 6pm
iii. Both business and fun meetings—alternate per week
iv. We are allowed to join and department helps cover dues
v. Austin volunteered

IV. HGSO Committee Sign-Up (formed by us, for us)
a. Fundraising
   i. Looking for a strong fundraising committee this year
   ii. Annual coffee sale through Water Street
   iii. We used to do “souper”-Tuesdays--$2 for a bowl of soup we bring in
   iv. Bake sales, book sales, tee shirts, animal rescue (around finals), Blaze Pizza
   v. Alicia, Austin, Tre, Madison volunteered
b. Social Affairs
   i. Chair is Peter Dobek
   ii. Self-explanatory (weekly trivia, bonfires, get-togethers, Halloween, beer week, tailgate, picnic, movies, games)
   iii. Pete, Austin, and Claire volunteered
c. Workshop
   i. Puts on workshops that benefit grad students
   ii. Past examples: conferences, networking, PhD applications, grant writing, outside scholarships and fellowships, teaching techniques, bibliographic software (zoterra)
   iii. All with faculty; Dr. Hadden wants to coordinate with us on this committee
   iv. Dillon, Tre, Sydne, Madison volunteered
d. Spring Speaker
   i. Not year-round
   ii. Biggest event of the year
   iii. A scholar that grad students choose and vote on; reflects our interests
   iv. Whoever chooses the nomination takes point on this committee
   v. Good experience for potential future careers (esp. in academia)
   vi. Not choosing committee yet—nominations should be made at next meeting

V. Nora Faires
i. Not year-round
ii. A professor who died in 2011, who was devoted to grad education—she left an endowment to be used for student graduate research and travel
iii. Department controls, but usually follows recommendations of this committee
iv. $2,000 grant
v. If you apply for the award, you can’t serve on the committee

VI. Treasurer’s Report—Alicia
a. Account balance is $559.77 and $335.51 in cash; total is $895.28
   i. $36.81 spent on the picnic (already)
b. Proposed budget (extremely conservative)
   i. Dues: $120.00
   ii. Fundraising: $100.00
   iii. Other (IN): $0.00
   iv. Total: $220.00
c. Expenses
   i. General Meetings: $50.00
   ii. Social: $30.00
   iii. Workshop: $25.00
   iv. Misc (Overflow): $15.00
   v. Nora Faires (mandatory): $100.00
   vi. Other (OUT): $0.00
   vii. Total: $220.00
d. Dues payment
   i. Give to Alicia
e. Budget Approval

VII. Other Business
a. Meeting Times
   i. Monday at 7 pm seems like the best time, per the doodle poll
   ii. Next meeting will be Monday, October 8th at 7:00 pm
b. Upcoming Events
   i. Tailgating
      1. Annual homecoming event, October 6th, the game is at noon, but
         the tailgate starts at 8:00 AM
      2. Lot 13 in front of student rec center
      3. You get in for free with an ID, and you can buy a discounted ticket
         for another person
      4. Bring stuff to pass
      5. There will be alcohol at this event but non-drinkers are welcome
         too (as always)
   ii. Trivia at a bar called “The Library” on Monday nights
      1. You are not obligated to drink
c. Other
   i. Hockey opener coming up soon
   ii. Halloween is soon-ish - Tempest & Ian have offered to host
   iii. There is a possibility to coordinate with the Goliards and pool funds for a
        Spring Speaker event
   iv. Trip(s) to Grand Rapids and/or other places in Michigan (Detroit, records
       store, bookstore)
   v. Beer Week in January/February: bar crawl
vi. Eccentric day at Bells (eccentric food, free all day, but you are expected to buy beer, encourage costumes, usually Friday of finals week)
vii. This weekend is Octoberfest at Bells—we might put a group together to go

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm