March 23 meeting

Faculty/University Committee Reports

- **Graduate Studies**
  - Voted on writing award last meeting, Dillon wasn’t allowed to go but probably will be allowed to go next time

- **Undergraduate Studies**
  - Nothing too exciting, but congrats to Ruth for successfully defending her thesis today! Please congratulate her if you see her around

- **Faculty**
  - Talking about new faculty hires – thinking about cluster hiring a few people
  - Lots of complaining over social studies, secondary education going down the toilet – people looking at ways to fix that
  - Dorilee winning a staff excellence award
  - Awards Ceremony April 19
  - Still acceptances season for next year grad students
  - Breisach lectures still going

- **Research/Events**
  - Brown bags still going

- **TAU**
  - Negotiating economic stuff with bargaining team, trying to eliminate enrollment fees, get a bigger lump sum
  - E-board elections, vote on those

- **GSAC**
  - Food was FANTASTIC, barbecue chicken, grilled salmon, green beans, great desserts – Brody tried ALL deserts, éclairs, cakeballs but somehow even better
  - Extension for *Hilltop Review* applications
  - GSA pub crawl tonight
    - Austin wants to hang out with GSA crowd

- **Phi Alpha Theta**
  - Nothing much to report

HGSO Committees

- **Fundraising**
  - Maybe a bake sale, maybe more coffee

- **Social Committee**
  - Grand Rapids 4/14
  - West Michigan brewery hop 5/5
  - Congress – register for it
  - Another Chicago trip?
  - Thanks everyone for coming to St. Patrick’s Day!
• Spring Speaker
  o Dillon did a fantastic job getting funding, was on top of everything
  o Event is on the 11th of April, lunch that day and talk that night (can get TWO free meals that day!)
  o Faculty breakfast Thursday morning
  o Departs Friday, will likely visit Goliards – go to that Coffee Hour
  o Poster has yet to be made; use pic of Pope Francis holding book for poster?
  o He’s staying at Oaklands, but will still need some volunteers for driving
  o Should do one wrap-up meeting before he gets here
• Research Awards
  o GSA awards might be due by now
  o Nora Faires can still be done if people are interested in applying for that, we’d have to put together a committee pronto, but we’d love to help you get funding for something if you have a project and want funding
    ▪ AT, Jacob, Brody will serve on committee if we need one, need at least one more
    ▪ Up to $3000 you can get from that, might be able to cover stuff in fall
• Treasurer’s Report
  o We’ve got a little over $1000, which will probably be about where we’re at next year +/- fundraiser and other things
• Nominations for Executive Board 2018-19
  o Think about that if you’ll be here next year