History Graduate Student Organization  
October 8, 2018 – 7:00 pm  
Large Conference Room, 4th floor, Friedmann Hall  
**Present:** Austin Setter, Madison Prall, Claire Herhold, Tre Goodhue, Alicia Risk, Sydne Johnson, Colin Rensch, Dillon Knackstedt

I. September Minutes Approval  
   a. approved

II. Agenda Approval  
   a. approved

III. Faculty Committee Reports  
A. Graduate Studies  
   a. Colin: not exciting—met once  
      i. Talked about Facebook promotional posts  
         1. Consensus it was great, versus mailed materials

B. Undergraduate Studies  
   a. Ruth: met 3 times since beginning of year  
      i. Did not attend first meeting  
      ii. Missed meeting on 9/15  
      iii. Attended Oct 3rd  
         1. Essential studies—updated syllabuses, filling out forms

C. Faculty  
   a. Alicia: essential studies stuff—a cause for upset  
      i. Dr. Borish is in charge of committee for this

D. Research & Events  
   a. Two talks last week  
   b. Two more Breisach events this fall: November (Dr. Simon) and December

E. TAU  
   a. Going through a significant shift  
      i. Switched to an organizing committee governance model a few years ago, and it is now clear that the model is not working  
      ii. Stewardship program has fallen apart  
         1. Switch to a more efficient model  
      iii. Tre has expressed interest in becoming the history department steward, since he has come to all the meetings  
         1. Last organizing meeting is this Thursday at 7:00 pm in Wood Hall, 3713  
            a. talk about the change as a union  
            b. Might require a constitution/bylaw update
b. Tomorrow, Claire has been invited to attend a meeting with a Trustee (from the board of Trustees)
   i. A performance review of Dr. Montgomery
   ii. 13 graduate students have been asked to attend
      1. Colin: acknowledges that he has “big shoes to fill”; he feels like there is a disconnect between their office and everyone else, but his target emails have been “pretty successful”
      2. Alicia: he’s almost been an absentee in meeting with students directly—actively avoided students at the TAU demonstration
         a. Dr. Dunn would have at least come out and said “hi.”
      3. Dillon: the virtual reality lab was a waste of money
      4. Claire: she remembers seeing Dr. Dunn constantly, but has never seen Dr. Montgomery
         a. Tre would not know what he looked like if he saw him
         b. Colin knows what he looks like from shaking his hand at graduation

F. GSA
a. Austin, Alicia, Tre:
   i. The food was “lovely”; Austin: better than the Homestyle spaghetti last February—decent cheeseburgers, ribs, potato salad, cornbread was good
   ii. What was discussed:
      1. Meeting in grad student commons, in the third floor of the library in the back left corner, open to all grad students
         a. Computers are up there, no printer, four small meeting spaces, a quiet-ish spaces
         b. Carrels are up there and are available—you can apply for one with a letter from your SP
      2. Three minute thesis
         a. A ted-talk, but you only get one slide
         b. Apply for competition by Halloween, and the performance is the November 14th at noon
            i. They favor science, fyi → you will be disadvantaged if you are a liberal arts MA student
      3. Hilltop review
         a. Deadline is October 12th, if you want to submit anything or act as a reviewer
            i. Not a lot of people submit history things, but they are looking for reviewers
ii. 1st place: $500; 2nd place: $250, 3rd place: $150; award for creative writing and one for an art piece
   1. If anyone has questions about the process, Chris Maiyatt won last year
4. Talks about south neighborhood dorms—$44 million dollars
   a. “hesitant to set aside graduate housing”—talking about cheaper micro-apartments
5. Tre won the “new person” trivia—a pair of headphones

G. Phi Alpha Theta
   a. Colin and Austin:
      i. They are lively and social—first couple meetings were unnecessarily long due to wandering discussions
      ii. Minor important things:
         1. Interest in cooperation with our fundraisers
            a. We need to get in touch with their treasurer, secretary (Alex), president
         2. Interest in helping out with workshop stuff
            a. Austin remembers doing mock-conferences as an undergrad, and these students were interested in instituting these
         3. Interest in doing their own application to grad school
            a. Would like our help with this
4. None of them were aware that AHA existed, or that it was happening in Chicago this January
   a. Have now contacted Hadden, and conference registration is now being extended to us:
      i. If you want to go, it is $10, and you should get in touch with Dr. Hadden ASAP
5. Colin suggested they asking Dr. Palmitessa for funds (he is their advisor)
   iii. This organization does have graduate funds available to us for travel and research—Dr. Berkhofer wanted this to be mentioned
      1. Geared toward first year MA and PhD students

IV. HGSO Committee Reports
   A. Fundraising
      a. Alicia, Austin, Tre, Madison: we haven’t done anything
      b. We need to schedule a meeting
      c. Austin liked the idea of “Souper” Tuesdays—it would be fun!
i. Dr. Berto and Dr. Brandão each have a class on Tuesdays, so it seems like it would work out with schedules

B. Social Affairs
a. Pete (didn’t attend)
b. Saturday’s tailgate: had to be moved to Pete’s house, because of weather
   i. The budget is now depleted from this party

C. Workshop
a. Friday’s workshop “went well,” we had a good turnout
b. Dr. Hadden and Madison held it
   i. Dr. Hadden has excellent down-to-earth metaphors

c. Polls:
   i. The most popular seem to be: Citation management software, grant application, and _______

IV. Spring Speaker
A. Nominations
a. Colin: Dr. Thomas George, a Lincoln scholar in his spare time (he is a MD in the department of Anesthesiology at the University of Michigan Medical School
   i. Interested in Lincoln politics in the Ohio-Michigan canal and possible corruption, Lincoln’s visit to Kalamazoo
   ii. Not a PhD, but has done interesting work
b. Sydne: Amy Livingston, from Ohio at Wittenberg University, good friends with Dr. Berkhofer
   i. Medieval historian who focuses on nobility in France, ca. 12th CE, social and kinship ties, interested in Medieval women
c. Claire: David Thelen
   i. Professor emeritus at Indiana University, a public historian
   ii. Most famous for working with Rosenzwig, “Presence of the Past”
   iii. Participatory and immersive educational experiences
      1. How they build historical and contemporary empathy skills

B. Voting Procedure
a. We will place the candidates in a manila folder in the common room, along with the ballot box, and ballots will be placed in dues-paying members’ mailboxes
   i. They have a week to vote
   ii. After a week, the votes will be tallied

VI. Treasurer’s Report
A. Dues payment
a. We made $80 in dues, which is not the budget (we budgeted for 12 people)
b. A minor issue with the ledger formulas, but it is being worked out
B. Budget Approval
   a. Miscellaneous budget approval: $15 (we spent $3.69 for a card for Sue, plus a $4.00 plant)
      i. We need to put something together for Dorilee, too (who has been her for a very long time) → we have $11.00 left
         1. A card and a plant? → keep thinking about suggestions

VII. Other Business
   A. Halloween Party
      a. Alicia has offered to host this year: 1240 Forbes Street, by Mountain Home Cemetery
         i. Date: weekend before Halloween: Friday, Oct. 26th
         ii. Time: show up at 6 PM
      b. Street parking is fine, as long as you are not there past 4:00 AM
      c. Bring a dish to pass
      d. Costuming is not optional—you MUST dress up
      e. Claire will create a Facebook event and send out an email

B. Next Meeting
   a. Second Monday of November: 11/12/18 at 6:30 PM (instead of 7:00, to experiment)

C. Other?
   a. none

VIII. Adjourn: at 7:56 PM