

Graduate Historical Association – Minutes from November 3, 2006

Attendance:

John Wisti
Tim Weber
Rebecca Nutt
Andrea Vincente
Eric Limbach
Jason Friedman
Ben Sawyer
Sonia Robles
Joe Genetin-Pilawa
Carlos Aleman
Jill Kelley
Lindsey Gish
Ted Mitchell
Sakina Hughes

Discussion:

Raised by John: Is membership open to graduate students from other departments? Yes, membership is open students from other departments. MSU does not allow the exclusion of other students from recognized campus organizations.

Report from Andrea (Union Representative): The GEU will be involved with collective bargaining this summer and would like to attend a meeting to receive our input. They will bring food.

How often should we meet: It was decided that we will meet on the first Friday of every month at 3pm. The time may be altered in the Spring 2007 semester. If necessary, additional meetings will be called.

What's our budget? This has yet to be determined and Jason will find out.

In order to be an officially recognized university organization, we must register at the Student Services website. Official sanction by the university will open the GHA to funding (COGS) and provide the option of a university bank account for \$5 a month.

Graduate directory – Eric explained its easier if graduate members update their information on the website themselves.

Sponsoring Events/Conferences:

Jennifer Palmer from the University of Michigan has contacted Lindsey about participating in an Atlantic History Conference from May 11-13. The GHA has decided to participate. Papers must

be submitted by March. People will be needed to work on the conference's set up and to review paper submissions. The opening and closing speakers will be the conference's headliners. Nominations for the organizing committee will be submitted by email.

Developing relations with other universities/colleges and exchange: Ben brought up the importance of developing relations with other graduate students in a one hundred mile radius (approximately), such as Central Michigan University, WMU, EMU, etc. The idea of student exchange was brought up by Joe and he advised to contact the graduate directors of other universities.

Childcare: There are a number of people who children and are interested in participating in the GHA. Andrea stated that the GEU will not provide childcare, however, the GEU will provide reimbursements.

Announcement: Steven Hahn will be visiting on the first Friday of December from 12-1:30pm, and the GHA will meet soon afterwards.

Practice Presentations for Conference Papers: The GHA will host presentations for graduate students starting next semester.

The GHA Constitution: Ted will attempt to find "the lost Constitution" and the GHA's former mission statement that will be necessary for official recognition by MSU. These may be altered. If not found, it looks like we're having a Constitutional Convention.

Eric agreed to post a calendar for the GHA on the department's website.

Next GHA meeting – December 1st.

Report by John Wisti (GHA Secretary)