**GSA General Assembly Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday April 26, 2017**

**HGS 119, 6:30 PM**

Meeting started at 6:39PM.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved.

1. Approval of Agenda

Agenda is approved.

1. Departmental meeting reports
   1. Italian

Giovanni Miglianti: we are a department of 10. The main problem is that we have very few people, and there might be increased teaching needs with the construction of two new colleges. Some of us two or three years just teaching languages which requires much more time (e.g., meeting five times a week). The other concern is with the CTF. We are a small department without many sources of funding. We are wondering if it’s possible to make the program more accessible for people without money. Another problem is going out of the Yale Health system and how one pays for services from outside providers.

* 1. Slavic Languages and Literatures

Ana Berdinskikh: We are a department of 18 and 8 attended the meeting. People are frustrated with the dental care and want better benefits. Students also voiced concerns about MHC (session caps, intake process, etc.). There still seems to be a lingering stigma with MHC – we could possibly have a campaign about this? People also had issues about filling prescriptions outside of New Haven. There was not much interest in more graduate dorm housing. There was a lot of talk about the need for a common room beyond the McDougal Center, which is often closed for events. Constituents also asked if it was possible to have more faculty training for Title IX.

Nicholas Vincent: Susan and Toomas have worked to put together a fantastic housing report, so this is very much in the works. Keep an eye out for that!

1. GSA budget update

Jenn Sun: we had a discussion about having extra money this year. We have used some money to buy some GSA swag to thank every rep for their service, and as a welcome gift for incoming reps. This is also to build more of a sense of community. We still have 1500 left. I propose to allocate 350 to podcasts (so that PR would not have to rent equipment from the library). The rest I propose to use for the transition meeting (usually this comes out of next year’s budget). Seb Bezerra: I managed to use some money from last year for summer steering, so that’s part of the reason we have so much money left. Nick Vincent: also, donation is not going to work. Sarah Malkowski: so this is going to eboard transition. Can it go to the BBQ? Jenn Sun: yes, eboard transition meeting and summer steering. BBQ comes out of next year because that is usually when the paperwork hits.

1. Carbon Offset Taskforce

Nicholas Vincent read the description of the Carbon Offset Taskforce.

Nick Vincent: the launch is planned for next month, taking place for one year. Meetings will take place monthly, but it’s not clear how long each meeting will be. This is a committee we send nominations to, and then the nominees would have to send in a short statement of interest. Sarah Malkowski: does this rep have to be reelected? Liz Salm: none of our external committee people needs to be GSA reps. Sarah Malkowski: Adam Matula and I are interested.

Sarah Malkowski and Adam Matula are approved as nominations.

1. Officer Elections
   1. Chair (Nominees: Wendy Xiao and Sarah Smaga)

Wendy Xiao is elected chair.

* 1. Vice Chair (Nominee: Laura Brown)

Laura Brown is elected Vice Chair.

* 1. Secretary (Nominee: Alex Zhang)

Alex Zhang is elected Secretary.

* 1. Treasurer (Nominee: Jenn Sun)

Jenn Sun is elected Treasurer.

* 1. CTF Director (Nominees: Stephen Paniagua and Sarah Smaga)

Sarah Smaga withdraws her nomination as CTF Director.

Stephen Paniagua is elected as CTF Director.

* 1. APD Chair (Nominee: Stephen Gaughran)

Stephen Gaughran is elected as APD Chair.

* 1. FHC Chair (Nominee: Susan Pratt)

Susan Pratt is elected as FHC Chair.

* 1. T&S Chair (Nominee: Fabian Schrey)

Fabian Schrey is elected as T&S Chair.

* 1. PR Chair (Nominees: Nicholas Curry and Bara Badwan)

Bara Badwan is elected as PR Chair.

1. Concerns from the floor

Nick Vincent: thank you so much for your participation! Our new rep meeting is next Wednesday in GPSCY. Please come!

1. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.