

HOGS Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2007

Attendance: Sara Tanis, Emma Bradford, Joseph Tychonievich, Greg Lang, Wendy Klooster, Nobuko Sugimoto, Kristin Getter, Matt Ross, Matt Blanchard, Ajay Nair, Aaron Warsaw, Chad Herrmann, Linsey Newton, and Kate Long

GEU

Representatives of the GEU stopped by to update us on how negotiating a new contract with the university is proceeding and to remind us that their bargaining affects both TAs and RAs. RAs can become associate members (\$15 per semester or \$30 per year) of the GEU to have voting rights and help show the administration they support the GEU. The topics they are most concerned about in the upcoming contract are wages, guaranteed parking, mental health coverage, and spousal benefits. They hope to have the contract negotiated by mid to late April. If you have any questions you can contact the GEU by e-mail or call their office.

Search Committee

The department advisory committee is forming a search committee to recruit and evaluate candidates for a department chair. The whole process will take 12-18 months, with the biggest time commitment being late summer and into the spring. Matt Blanchard and Kristin Getter have already volunteered, but if you are also interested please let Greg Lang know.

Spring Seminar – HRT 894

Please remind anyone you know is interested in HRT 894, which will focus on extension, to register for it.

Officer Updates

Matt Ross (Hort Club Rep.)

- Hort Club meetings will resume at the beginning of next semester.

Wendy (Treasurer)

- Dues are \$10 per year. Please be sure to pay Wendy if you have not already.

Greg Lang (GPC Chair)

- The instrumentation course we discussed previously is being put together.

HOGS Travel Grant

The HOGS travel grant application for travel between Jan. 1 and the end of June 2008 is due December 21.

Other

- Aaron is looking for feedback about possibly turning part of the reading room into a student lounge. Most HOGS members felt this was unnecessary, but if you have any other feedback please let Aaron know.