**STHSA Meeting March 19, 2014**

**Attendance:**

Kourtni Brown, MDiv ‘15

Anne Hillman, PhD,

Kristen Redford, MDiv ‘15, Secretary

Desi Sharp, MDiv ‘14, Vice President

Haley Jones, MDiv ‘15, Treasurer

Joseph Kyser, MDiv ‘14, President

Ashley Anderson, MDiv/MSW ‘14

Kevin Vetiac, MDiv

Soren Hessler, PhD

**Plan for the rest of the semester**

-- After meeting today, next week’s officers only meeting will be transferred to Dean's Fellows pancake breakfast at 8am which all STHSA people are invited to attend and/or help with

-- The last administrative meeting will be April 2.

-- The last two weeks of meetings will be about bylaws and elections (which will take place mid-April)

--The last week in April will be a breakfast, no official meeting

**Attendance Concern**: attendance has dropped substantially since we moved to 9:30 but we thought this was more helpful for people

-- Joseph will ask those that aren't coming but had been why they haven't been coming ( is it due to the time change or something else is up) Joseph will do that

-- We will also make a Community Lunch announcement NEXT week

**International concerns & communication statement updates**

-- There is a basement bulletin board but nothing in Oxnam or at least we have not been told there will be publicity space in Oxnam. We also don't know where the TV will go - in Oxnam or elevator lobby? We also have the bulletin board by deans' suite and on the third and fourth floors are two more bulletin boards for immediate use though you must contact Ashley or Valentina to unlock them.

-- Ashley can print flyers for us or just give us access to bulletin boards if groups want to print them themselves.

----To do: create a document of where bulletin boards are, who has access, and how students post on them. Put this on the STHSA website and possibly in student handbook

---- We need to figure out the policy for where non-STH groups can post. Most likely to be that they can post in basement only, maybe also first floor elevator lobby.

**Collegium distribution**

Currently, the Collegium is sent through Constant Contact, but less than 100 students confirmed which is why those that did confirm get it twice; Valentina sends it through Constant Contact and to the STHSA list serve. We could suggest to put all emails on the Constant Contact server and tell people to unsubscribe if they don't want to receive it.

**Graduate Leadership Council Presentation**

Kevin & Soren present on first meeting yesterday of interest for forming a Graduate Leadership Council to increase communication across the university, ease communication with new Associate Provost, and form working groups for issues. Representatives are wanted from the different schools, specifically two from STH.

-- Think about this like a time-intensive representative position of a faculty committee

-- This began because five students in STEM disciplines have concerns about parental leave policy in particular, especially for women in PhD programs that want kids and that interferes w teaching. Forming this group is in response to the provost office’s response to get representatives from the graduate organizations and they want representatives from humanities in particular. There is already significant representation from management, education, and arts & sciences. This will likely be about a 60 person representative body

-- It would probably would be most helpful to have one masters and one PhD representative from STH

-- The parental leave concern is an example of what the group might tackle. There are also health care concerns, bike accessibility on public transit, subsidized housing/affordability of living in Boston, getting all graduate student organizations to communicate, and an interest to unionize doctoral students

-- IMMEDIATE NEED: elect for now through end of fall then for next year

-- Future years will probably look like two meetings per semester and representatives would serve on committees about specific topics

-- The meeting times are not set in stone yet and there will be another meeting in April.

--Anne moves that Soren and Kevin be STH representatives for the rest of Spring 2014; Kourtni 2nds 6-0-2 vote carries

**Miscellaneous**

We would like follow up on the financial aid petition from Jason and Ashley.

There is a request for follow up information on what the deans are doing about the sensitivity training discussed at last semester’s Town Hall. We are unsure if tomorrow’s Town Hall is strictly about the Rev. Kim sermon or a general Town Hall about all topics, especially since Dr. Sheppard is facilitating and it’s not the originally scheduled date.