***Minutes for ADSA meeting on 10/3/13 beginning at 11:00 am*** (reported by Jonathan Clemens, secretary)

1. Prayer
2. Approval of September Minutes (attached)
   1. September Minutes approved
3. Finances & Conference
   1. Preliminary Budget (Matt Eaton; see attached)
      1. Fees depend on students that are actually registered
      2. unsure how many that will be because some students have not paid their fees
      3. we are short about a thousand dollars
      4. Beth says we should know by now who has deferred payment and thus know when and how much money we should be getting but Matt E. still isn’t sure when that will happen
      5. PD sem. Are going up to 400 and bursaries may be going down to two next term
      6. grants may be going down to 200-didn’t spend that last year
      7. conference may not need to spend the 200 because we have requested 450 from TST so we won’t have to spent 200.
      8. kept now on budget
      9. How much for PD seminars?
   2. Conference funding and theme (Matt Eaton)
      1. Conference – Prof. Skira said funds available for sexuality and spirituality
         1. Discussion of Spirituality as a broad theme
         2. Jonathan observed that we haven’t heard a lot from the church historians
         3. Issue tabled by Michael
         4. Matt noted an open invitation to dialogue with Wushke and Tuscano
      2. Travel Bursaries
         1. Bruce Worthington
         2. Andrew Witt
         3. Chris Zeichmann
4. Other Events
   1. October PD Seminar on academic jobs (Jon Clemens)
      1. Everything is in order with Prof. Toulouse, Prof. Skira, and Prof. Billett
      2. Will be meeting in the boardroom at the previously scheduled time
   2. November PD Seminar on non-academic jobs
      1. It was suggested that “non-traditional” might be better language
      2. Looking at Nov. 14
      3. Pub nights in conjunction with these events?
      4. We have had a lot of events this fall so we may not need to do a pub night
5. Membership & External Committees
   1. Advanced Degree Committee (Beth, Matt Thollander, Becca)
      1. Update on the proposal to close thesis defences (Beth)
      2. Collecting electronic copies of the handbook to highlight changes (Michael)
         1. History department has space on website
      3. Talked about FIPPA and archived documents
   2. College reps (Kim, Mike, Ann, Abigail, Billie Anne, Jon Clemens)
      1. Is anyone a member of their college council? Is another AD student at your school?
         1. Most of us are involved in the organizations at our respective schools.
   3. Departmental Committees (Beth, Jonathan, Chris)
      1. Welcome to Anthony Spellacy, Pastoral rep
   4. DMin, UTSU, and Library Committee reps (still vacant)
   5. TST board (Michael)
      1. Circulate UTorID sign-up sheet for TST Governance Blackboard
         1. Look at document proposal and faculty
         2. Is there anyone who we think is an unlikely fit for director of the new program?
         3. Hand out for new program – no longer using departments
      2. Opportunity for ADSA presentation at TST board retreat on Friday, Nov. 14
         1. What should we say at the retreat?
      3. Brainstorming session: What do we appreciate about TST? What are our primary concerns about TST? What are key points we want to communicate at the retreat? What are our priorities for communication elsewhere – e.g. at committees? How can we present a unified and coherent message to TST?
         1. Make a few key points
         2. Where and how will students be represented? Make case for why representation is important.
         3. What about the confessional nature of TST? Will this be affected by the new program?
         4. Negative: There is not really sufficient transparency
         5. Positive: top 20 school
         6. Negative: concerns about language courses and funding
         7. Negative: concerns about lack of mentorship
         8. Positive: great library system
         9. Positive: good IT support
         10. Positive: faculty
         11. Negative: faculty are all overworked
         12. Positive: courses
         13. Negative: courses are sometimes a bit redundant
         14. Negative: people are being admitted to TST but TST doesn’t have the capacity to support them
         15. Negative: no place on campus for large group space
         16. Positive: a lot of access to things
         17. Negative: we often don’t know about what access we have
         18. Negative: faculty are not always prompt with feedback
      4. We need to frame our concerns in terms of their concerns to be convincing
      5. Learn to communicate our concerns in a way that the administration will be sympathetic to
      6. Adjust rhetoric
         1. Simplify goals
            1. Student input
            2. Identity
            3. Faculty supervision
            4. **Getting a job**
         2. Focus on top priorities and make a pitch
6. Communications
   1. Possible questions for town hall meeting (and lunch!) at Emmanuel College
      1. Unclear whether new PhD students will be SGS students and so members of UTGSU
         1. This was postponed due to time constraints
   2. TST Mailing policy
      1. Questions over what is suitable for the listserv (a call for papers was denied)
      2. Michael is pursuing this with the administration
   3. Facebook group vs. Wordpress site: which to use for what?
      1. This order of business was postponed due to time constraints
7. Other business?