

## Minutes

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1. Meeting was opened with Prayer at 10:10 (Michael)
2. Guests from ICS were introduced (Hector and Caleb)
3. Minutes from the December 5, 2013 meeting were approved
4. Events & Communications
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> year welcome back lunch (Nick and Michael)
    - i. will be Wed. 1/15 from 12-1:30 at TST
    - ii. First year students and the board are invited
    - iii. hope to serve as a meet and greet as well as to find out how the new policy regarding paper extensions past the end of term is going over with new students as well as answering questions the new students might have
  - b. Staying Sane in Grad School Seminar (Mike and Jon)
    - i. will be on Jan 23, 2-4pm at TST
    - ii. there might be a wine and cheese after the seminar
    - iii. possibility of getting Prof. Radner as well as having Mike give a talk
  - c. Conference (Matt)
    - i. Matt is working on the paperwork
    - ii. Still a week for paper proposals
      - (1) if needed we have to figure out how to make selections but that does not seem to be a problem as of yet
    - iii. ICS students can submit papers
      - (1) Caleb said he sent out an email to ICS students but has not heard back from anyone
  - d. Non-Academic Jobs Seminar (Chris and Becca)
    - i. Maybe in February
  - e. Getting Published Seminar (Matt T. and Abigail)
    - i. Abigail offered to help Matt
    - ii. In March, perhaps as part of the conference maybe
  - f. Need to let ICS students know about PD seminars
    - i. ICS has student mailing lists
      - (1) Michael will send Caleb notices and Caleb will copy them to the ICS community
5. External Committees
  - a. No ADC meeting yet this month
  - b. TST Board Meeting
    - i. Alan said ICS can present at the conference
    - ii. UT rep sees no problem with a referendum on each of the student life fees separately and just opt into the ones the students want

- iii. the Board seemed happy that we were advocating for basic degree student representation
  - iv. the Board was fine with an April 28 date to present to them
  - v. Michael is on the committee looking to appoint a new TST director
  - c. College Reps
    - i. Free lunches for Emmanuel students on the first Wed. of the month
    - ii. Knox had its "theological community meeting". Very few doctoral students are showing up to events. There are two events coming up at Knox. Shrove Tuesday will have a community dinner of pancakes. There will be a possible celebration of the lunar New Year
  - d. Department Reps
    - i. nothing new to report
6. Constitution Changes
- a. Jon and Michael have been looking at changes
  - b. Only concern sections on the ADSA board
  - c. There will have to be a referendum with a 2/3 vote
  - d. Proposed changes on the attached hand out
  - e. Regarding section 4.2.2 Beth asked how do we address the need for departments for those of us who still need them but when they may not exist in 5-10 years. What happens for the students who are not part of departments? Agreed to leave that discussion for later
  - f. Beth raised the question of MA representation not being necessary because they are in the departments anyway. Chris proposed amending the section to allow for MA representation if they are not already represented in some way
  - g. There will be a town hall for students to discuss the referendum and to learn about the changes to the constitution and fees
  - h. a person from UT could come and talk about the fees
  - i. Michael will send out the changes to the constitution as they have been discussed in the meeting. Unless he hears back he will assume we agree with the changes
7. Next meeting:
- a. Jan 23 will just be an executive meeting
  - b. Next full board meeting will be Feb 27 at 10 with the town hall following in the afternoon
8. Caleb thanked the board for inviting ICS to the events and for being welcoming