Academic and Professional Development Committee Meeting Notes:
February 19, 2014 HGS, McDougal Center, 6:30pm.

Present: Saad Ansari, Nazanin Sullivan, Ryan Hall, Sara Sanchez-Alonzo, Lauren Young, Ryan Hall

Will: Library Hours Proposal
Moving one of the automatic check out machines to Bass
Turning the sound of the machines down
Discussion of library proposal
Need for a 24-hour graduate student study space

Looked over the GTC survey responses.

Why does yale seem to be strapped for cash?
   Shouldn't libraries be a priority
If they're not willing to keep the HGS
GSA should send a thank you letter to the Librarians who scan and obtain documents for the students--APD should make a motion to do this

Teaching Survey results
Transparency is an issue!
3rd years have to take the comprehensives and sometimes it is tough to teach during them?
   Maybe, maybe not
African Studies is mainly a masters program and as such does not get the funding of other students
   they want to TF to be able to pay for the program
do not have their own departmental professors
   NEED FUNDING
Very few fellowships available during the academic year
End up some of them TFing an african art class and art is not usually their focus
   Some people want to go on to do a PhD and want teaching and some for Masters
BME--emails all students what classes are coming during the summer--should try to do this for all of the departments
Upon signing up for interdepartmental teaching, some students have never heard back about teaching
   maybe should "apply" or email a department or professor specifically
NEED to have better clarity and guidelines for teaching in other departments
Why do we have to fill out a survey just to be sent a link to pick a class?
   Need to perhaps have better advertised link (and then maybe check whether the student is fit for the class)
TF 4.0 $10,000 for the semester
TF 3.5 ~$8500
TF 2.0 $5700 for the semester
History only gets one PTAI per semester and has about 150 students all together (and a large undergrad cohort too)--there are not enough opportunities to design your own course
Teaching Town Hall has a lot of support should start to look at when to put this together (just have it in HGS 119 a la Ask-a-Lawyer/Tax events)
Will bring more surveys to the HGS meeting and perhaps try to look at putting the survey online and having multiple choice/yes-no)