

HISTORY OF ART DEPARTMENT MEETING

Monday, June 1, 2026 | 3:30 P.M. | Virtual

Attendance: Jason Weems, Savannah Esquivel, Susan Laxton, Jeanette Kohl, Johannes Endres, Kristoffer Neville, Yong Cho, Sonja Sekely-Rowland, John Medina, Breana Lepe

Chair's Announcements (Susan):

- Madison Brookshire Award, for teaching excellence!
- CHASS grad student welcome, 9/22/2026
 - Iselda and Aleca will handle the scheduling of AHS welcome
- MA incentive, now gone, used to be \$5000 for every MA in the department
- Summer Session update, all is okay and approved

New Business:

- FTE Request
- Committee on Educational Policy survey on TA-ships
- 17B and 17C: We have been asked to eliminate them from the schedule this year, rather than wait, to cut the budget for temporary teaching.
- Graduate students' yearly assessments; I was asked to leave as it was left to the end of the meeting (sorry, no info)

Graduate Studies Report (Jason):

- Sarah Faulk Dissertation Completion Grant
- Successful graduate conference
- Department decided who will receive the new travel grants among our graduate students; most are MA
- Gluck fellows, Sonja jumped in to say 3 AHS applied and none for VRC; she's going to try one more time

Undergraduate Report (Yong):

- Elections for undergrad student of the year, Sandra

VRC Report (Sonja):

- (Please see the attached file in the email.)

Graduate Student Report:

- I would say the conference was an overall success. I am especially grateful to Xinqian and Rachel, as well as other graduate students, such as Graciela, Becky, and Rebecca, for their assistance in ensuring the conference ran smoothly. I'd like to thank Sonja for her technical assistance in creating the Zoom registration and flyers, and Iselda for being there in case we had technical difficulties, which fortunately there were none. I'm also grateful to Professor Weems, Professor Kohl, Professor Endres, and Professor Cho for their speaking and moderating roles during the conference, as well as the faculty who engaged with the speakers.
- For the future, I would like to share a Google Drive checklist of things to prepare, which future officers can access to ensure actions are completed more promptly. I hope you can all contribute to this.
- We are also voting on a president for the next academic year, with Xinqian, Rachel, and Graciela as our nominees; other roles will be left for the Fall quarter so that the incoming cohort may have a say in the vote.

UCR ARTS Report:

- N/A

Upcoming Events:

- N/A