MENA Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization

MENA meeting – January 24 2013

Attendants:

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Agenda

1. Conference update
   General remarks:
   a. Once panels are solidified, ask professors. Tentative schedule with titles will be outlined.
   b. Some acceptance/decline for international students were sent out
   c. 21st of February deadline to accept – late submissions will be accepted if they fit.
   d. Breakfast: at the Union instead (with a grant), rather than at MENAS?
   Keynote speaker: James Gelvin
      o confirmed. Tentatively, Thursday 4th April 2013
   Aron Aji: Tentatively, Friday 5th April

2. Further Funding
   a. GPSC: got the funding
   b. ASUA: three weeks before (room tech; printing for program and advertising flyers)
   c. CERCLL: panel on language
   d. IKON: student-faculty interaction. Attendance must be recorded. Allows us to get catering from the Union. Post-key note speech reception and perhaps breakfast.
      ➔ Book the room of keynote speech
      ➔ Book the food

3. Finance report
   MENA bakesale went well.

4. MENA Board elections to fill in positions
   Webmaster nomination: Mojtaba Ebrahimian, will take care of website and Facebook.
5. Faculty Meeting
   a. February 1st: Turkish studies candidate (talk will take place on Fridays, instead of the colloquium). Candidates will also teach and there will be a pizza lunch for grad students and candidates. There will also be times to meet individually – let Dr. Hudson know.
   b. Application to the Flagship