

## EGU Meeting Agenda

October 18, 2024

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Meeting Link: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/81060459119>

Password: EGU\_2425

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Josh, Katya, Josie, Dillon, Quinn
<b>Visitors Present:</b>	Sara M.

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### **Co-Chair Reports (Josh Barrows & Katya Makhnina)**

1) Josh Barrows

a) Met with Cristina this afternoon

- i) University Response to School Shooting
- ii) Met with the Faculty and expressed Grad Student Concern for the
- iii) She would like to focus on approaching the Graduate College as a unified front between EGU and English and Writing Program
- iv) Funding
  - (1) Potential availability for some Honorarium funds, but we need to plan

b) \*Response for “active shooter training” will be further damaging

2) Katya Makhnina

a) Elections happening soon (for real this time)

- i) Alona has resigned from Assessment Rep position, so it is now open.
- ii) WPC EDI Co-chair and Values/Strategic Planning also still open

b) Updates from Shelley:

- i) Event funding: she can provide food for teaching-focused PD events (snacks are easiest, but meals are potentially possible); events need at least 10 people to RSVP/attend; better if all WP faculty are invited, even if event is GAT-focused
- ii) Concerns about University response to crisis situations: she will go up the chain of command to inform admin about our concerns; recommends reaching out to Grad College and Dean of Students; encourages us to submit care tickets to Dean of Students for affected undergrads
- iii) As always, let me know what I should bring up to Shelley at our next meeting

c) Updates from English Dept meeting:

- i) CT faculty are facing issues with workload, proposing a moratorium on workload changes

- ii) ~10 English undergrad courses for Spring are not visible to students in UAccess due to room scheduling issues, concerns about enrollment/meeting course minimums
  - iii) Harvill will be closed for renovations in Spring
  - iv) Course minimum policy from SBS:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-0ATvwildJ1DnbKJUQ4E284\\_LHzac61/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-0ATvwildJ1DnbKJUQ4E284_LHzac61/view)
  - v) Ander Monson asked to take down “unprofessional” Clippy art piece – sparked conversations about free speech, public vs non-public spaces; dept is being asked to create a policy for what can be posted in wall cabinets
- d) Updates from WP meeting:
- i) Policies currently being revised in faculty senate: how much politics are allowed in classroom, family leave, grievances
  - ii) Teaching availability goes out in 1 week – assignments should go out in December

### **Rep Reports**

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):
  - No update.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & [REDACTED]):
  - No updates
- WPC
  - Assessment (Alona Kladieva):
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  - Awards (Name):
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  - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
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  - By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown): By-Laws survey closed the 14th. Next bylaws meeting is the 23rd at 4:00. Results and revisions will be available after the next meeting, hopefully. I'll keep you posted.
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  - Professional Development (Name):
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  - Values & Strategic Planning (Name):
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- GPSC (Kriti):
  - No Report.
- Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
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- First-Year Rep (Name)
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- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
  - CW will likely be admitting possibly 8 incoming students this year, split across genres with, possibly, a focus on Fiction next year. Dean may be moving to

stabilize grad admissions and not do alternate year admits? Would like to ask Co-Chairs, RCTE, LIT, SLAT what the word is

- EAL (Yi Li):
  - No report.
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):
  - Josh, Quinn, Katya, and I are still working on a survey to send out about graduate students' current reactions to the university's handling of the shooting and other incidents
  - The literature faculty have secured funding for some outreach oriented events. They are still working on the idea of a literature center but will have to start at the curriculum level first. I hope to reach out to Paul Hurh soon to learn more details (Joanna pointed me in his direction earlier today and I just haven't had a chance to follow up).
  - Will be reaching out soon about which dates will be best for watching *Mean Girls* per literature students' request.
  - Still would like MA or PhD application materials you used to get into the literature program for a repository for incoming students who reach out to our professors for advice on applying. Please send by this weekend.
- RCTE (Josie Portz):
  - RCTE faculty had a meeting Oct 9
  - Administering comps w/ few students:
    - SBS will allow the workshop to function as a class for this cycle with 3 students, but going forward 5 is the minimum
    - Individual faculty members may be tackling this as extra labor, rotating each cycle
    - Stay posted for anything definitive
  - Hybrid courses w/ in person PhDs and future online MA program:
    - Faculty were very impressed with [The Refinery](#),
      - Smart room w/ OWL, ceiling microphones & speakers
        - Inclusive to online students
    - Issues of access for in-person students to travel to campus and then to The Refinery... ending up back on campus at night
    - Possible solution: GenEd studios have capabilities to host the same kinds of tech and could be adjusted
    - Continued conversations will likely be balancing accessibility for in-person vs. at-a-distance students
    - Again stay posted for anything definitive
  - RCTE Annual Assessment:
    - Survey data for RCTE students not discussed in the meeting, faculty surveys might be next
  - RCTE affiliate faculty:
    - Dr. Ann Shivers-McNair continuing to serve on current committees, submitted RCTE affiliate faculty request
    - [Dr. Heather Froehlich](#) (the designated librarian for English at UA) voted in as affiliated faculty
      - Speciality: digital scholarship with focus on text and data mining

- SLAT (Alona Kladieva & Mukaddes Çoban Postacı):
  - We will be holding our next General Meeting this coming Monday. In the meeting, we are planning to hear back from all the committees, especially the SLAT Roundtable Committee. We are also planning to discuss how to proceed with the social events organisation since we currently do not have a designated person. There are some changes in JSLAT members that we will discuss next week. We may be potentially looking for a new JSLAT Editor.
- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
  - No meetings; no report this week.

### **Project Reports**

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### **Projects & Tasks:**

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### **Conversations:**

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### **Questions:**

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### **New Concerns & Homework:**

- ONGOING: Remind people of travel, research and professional development funding with low-stakes application processes!
  - [EGU Travel Awards for “official university business” travel](#) - \$500 to cover costs of presenting work at a conference
  - [English Graduate Student Research Fund](#) - \$500 for research travel/field work. Money can no longer be used for local research costs as of Spring 2022 (including buying books, transcription software, etc.).
  - [GPSC Travel, Research, and Professional Development grants](#). Three separate applications for different types of opportunities; up to \$1500 for eligible research travel or research project costs
  - [GPSC Basic Needs Microgrant](#) - up to \$200 “to alleviate some of the financial burden students might be experiencing by helping cover healthcare, academic, hygiene, childcare, transportation, and/or housing-related essential costs”; four deadlines throughout year; awarded on first-come, first-serve basis via lottery selection