

EGU Meeting Agenda

October 4, 2024

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Password: EGU_2425

Officers Present:	Josh Barrows; Katya Makhnina; Larissa Runyan; Josie Portz; Grace Humphreys; Quinn Tuozzo; Amy Brown; Dillon Clark
Visitors Present:	Anran Hou

Online Access Statement (template provided by the UA Disability Cultural Center)

- Exist in the space in whatever ways are most comfortable to you
- Please state your name when speaking to assist the captioner (e.g., “Josh is speaking”)
- Allow others to fully finish their thoughts before beginning to speak

Co-Chair Reports (Josh Barrows & Katya Makhnina)

- 1) Josh Barrows
 - a) Met with Cristina. No new updates. Any questions or concerns?
 - b) Ongoing discussion about RCTE
 - c) Council Meetings
 - d) Talk about Prof Development Funding
- 2) Katya Makhnina
 - a) Elections for remaining positions starting soon
 - b) Any questions/concerns for my upcoming meeting with Shelley?
 - c) Planning social/PD events?
 - d) Talk about Prof Development Funding

Rep Reports

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):
 - No report.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & [REDACTED]):
 - No report.
- WPC
 - Assessment (Alona Kladijeva):
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 - Awards (Name):
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 - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
 - I got in touch with Lauren Harvey and Nicole Walls and our first SLO planning meeting ended up scheduled for 3:00 PM today (whoops!). Will update at the next meeting.
 - By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown): By-Laws Survey coming to your emails soon. By-law survey extended. Keep an eye out for another email for the survey.

- - Professional Development (Name):
 - - Values & Strategic Planning (Name):
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 - GPSC (Kriti):
 - [GPSC Vacancies](#). Each representative receives a stipend for their participation.
 - GPSC BBQ Social: GPSC will be hosting a barbeque on October 6th, from 3-6pm, at the Himmel Park Ramada, located at 1000 N Tucson Blvd. RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/GPSCBBQSocial2024>
 - Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
 - October 18th - PowerPoint Party!
 - 4:00 Pm

Larissa comment: 4:15pm

- First-Year Rep (Name)
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- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
 - n/a
- EAL (Yi Li):
 - No report
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):
 - **Event:** informal literature student hangout this Sunday at 2pm at Revolutionary Grounds!
 - Proposed revisions to evaluation forms for exams for MA and PhD students to expedite process for evaluators and to make connections between program SLOs and the individual evaluations clearer. Will be voted on next week.
 - **Event:** Monday, Oct 28th, we will have a tent set up on the mall. "English Undergraduate Fair" or "Tent on the Mall." Please come if you are a literature student and can attend.
 - Recruitment and funding discussion
 - Suggestion of work study options
 - Biyearly cohorts suggested. Lit faculty are opposed because it would create a bad experience for MA and AMP students.
 - Have tried reminding RCTE instructors that RCTE students welcome to take Lit classes. Lit faculty would love to have RCTE students attend their classes to help with this issue.
 - Also concern was expressed that if we went to a bi-yearly cohort to try and increase cohort size, it might backfire. Admin wants to make cuts.
 - Lastly, there will be cuts to number of incoming GATs across English in coming school year. Not sure of number yet. Could be 12 cut out of 25. To be determined by the university still.
- RCTE (Josie Portz):
 - The next RCTE program meeting will be this coming Wednesday (10/9). RCTE students, let me know/email me if there's anything specific you'd like me to bring to faculty's attention.
 - Hybrid spaces for future coursework

- Faculty toured the Refinery on Sept 30, so I will be asking to hear their thoughts about the space, since they are considering it as a possible space for hybrid classes in the future.
- I communicated via email that there are concerns about having a hybrid space off campus as a matter of access; I will reiterate this point strongly in conversations about this.

Larissa reacted with muscle emoji

- SLAT (Alona Kladijeva & Mukaddes Çoban Postacı):
 - The call for proposals for the SLAT Roundtable was sent. The call for proposals for JSLAT and the call for reviewers were sent. JSLAT will be indexed in ERIC (including volumes since 2020).

Josie comment: Sometimes SLAT requests moderators for this too. I've volunteered for that in the past and it was a cool opportunity!

- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
 - Since there was only one item on the UGCC agenda, and since that item was only a potential class name change, a meeting was deemed unnecessary (the rare occasion where "this could have been an email" actually came to fruition). Next meeting is scheduled for November 1.

Larissa comment: Lol

Project Reports

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Projects & Tasks:

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Conversations:

Questions:

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

Professional Development Brainstorm (from first EGU meeting of the semester)

Publishing

- Publishing in a journal time: time set aside to look up journals to publish in, to have others read our potential submissions, to actually work on drafting (eek!)

Two votes

- Perhaps we could put together a running list of journals and application deadlines as people see them

Larissa comment: UPenn's call for papers is a good place for this from what I've seen

Dillon reply: If anyone is interested in CW publishing, I'd be happy to point folks to CLMP, presses, and magazines interested in creative work, and creative-critical work.

Larissa reply: Ooo, please!! As someone who is not in CW but also enjoys doing some creative writing, I would love to know where I can submit my writing.

Teaching

- How to address diversity and support the underrepresented minority in our classrooms

Two votes

- Wanting to have a session on developing a responsible and engaging syllabus that engages a wide array of diverse voices

One vote

Application Skills Work

- Sessions about fellowships and grants and-or possibilities offered by the Graduate Center (since I'm working there lol - Thais)

Larissa comment: I'm wondering if we could partner with the Graduate Center to have any events that are specific to English, like a job materials day for English students for example. That could be cool!

Josh comment: :)

- Planning to do a fellowship application presentation with Josie

Job Searching/Work/Prep

- Cover letter writing + how to edit cover letter/CV for different kinds of positions (teaching vs admin vs nonprofit, etc)

5 votes

- Job search process (eg. where to find jobs aside from the eternal scroll of AI-generated Indeed postings)
- Event focused on the different types of academic institutions and how you should tailor your materials for each (example: liberal arts colleges versus minority institutions versus R1 institutions)

1 vote

- Alt-Ac jobs prep (maybe this can be part of PD events?) I'm thinking of Writing Center, WAC, Academic Support positions. Maybe SALT Center could do a job talk or DRC? Academic advising? [SLAT Webinar October 10th: 4:00-5:00 PM](#)

4 votes

- Digital humanities? (I keep seeing it in the job ads)

Outside of Academia

- Maybe a volunteer night (I think Josh had mentioned this). I think folks at Youth on Their Own could be interested

1 vote

Katya comment: Literacy Connects might be interested as well!

Boosting / Advertising Graduate Student Work

- Graduate student talk series
- Conference/symposium
- Creative-Critical projects? Public humanities?