

EGU Meeting Agenda

January 17, 2025

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Password: EGU_2425

Officers Present:	Larissa Runyan; Grace Humphreys; Katya Makhnina; Anran Hou; Josie Portz; Josh Barrows; Quinn Tuozzo; Luke Keeling; Alona Kladieva ; Amy Brown
Visitors Present:	Thais Cons

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- Allow others to fully finish their thoughts before beginning to speak

Co-Chair Reports (Josh Barrows & Katya Makhnina)

1) Josh Barrows

- a) Welcome Back!!
- b) Any questions or concerns with classes thus far?
- c) Bulletin Board

Comment: We had previously discussed having the Secretary do this function, which I think is a good idea, but we would want to settle what it is exactly that the Secretary is responsible for (and maybe also write it into the Constitution?).

d) Schedule of meetings:

- i) Jan 17
- ii) Jan 31
- iii) Feb 14
- iv) Feb 28 - josh Absent
- v) March 28
- vi) April 4
- vii) April 18

e) [SBS Research Institute grant](#) deadlines approaching

- i) Up to \$600 for pre-doctoral grant
- ii) Up to \$3,000 for dissertation research grant

f) PIVOT - grant database → SBS

2) Katya Makhnina

a) Professional Development

- i) Potential for Honorarium
- ii) Previous brainstorming at the top of [09/06 EGU Meeting Agenda](#)

Rep Reports

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):

- No report.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & [REDACTED]):
 - No Report
- WPC
 - Assessment (Name):
 - Awards (Name):
 - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
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 - By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown):
 - No report
 - Professional Development (Luke Keeling):
 - Looking into setting up workshops for grants like the EGU travel fund and conference applications. Open to suggestions about what people might find useful.
 - Values & Strategic Planning (Name):
- GPSC (Kriti):
 - EVENT: Donuts with GPSC - January 17th:12-2pm @GPSC Office
- Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
 - EVENT: EGU Game Night - January 31st 5:00-7:00
- First-Year Rep (Anran Hou)
 - No report.
- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
 - n/a
- EAL (Yi Li):
 - No report.
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):
 - Event tomorrow evening at 7pm at The Shanty for literature grad students.
 - When would we like to have meetings with faculty members this semester?
 - Josie and I's Bilinski talk is getting pushed back and combined with something else. TBD.
 - WP things:
 - I am excited about the CT faculty raise. Very glad this went through!!
 - Also happy Erin Whittig is back with the WP.
- RCTE (Josie Portz):
 - RCTE Faculty went on a retreat
 - Topics included continuing to assess RCTE program outcomes; continuing to develop online MA/PhD; incorporating affiliate faculty in a more consistent way; collaboration opportunities across the department or campus.
 - Will likely have insights from this after the next RCTE Faculty meeting.
- SLAT (Alona Kladieva & Mukaddes Çoban Postaci):
 - No report We will have our first meeting of SP25 next Wednesday, 2/22.
- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
 - No report; still waiting on semester schedule of meetings

Project Reports

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Projects & Tasks:

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Conversations:

- Conversations from last semester that we might want to think about continuing this semester:
 - The election process
 - What materials/support documents do we have currently regarding the election process?
 - What current characteristics of the election process serve as obstacles/make the process particularly slow?
 - What are some ways we could make the election process more expedient?
 - What do we do with positions that no one wants to run for or that we don't have enough people to fill in a given year?

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