

EGU Meeting Agenda

January 31, 2025

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Password: EGU_2425

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

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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) Planning a joint social event for grad students, faculty, and staff with support from Cristina – looking at March 21st

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- b) Highlighting Grad student presentation/showcases

- i) [Form for submitting Grad Student Showcase/Exhibition Events](#)

2) Katya Makhnina

- a) Updates from 1/24 WP meeting

- i) Assessment committee: plans to better support faculty

- (1) offering monthly sessions w/ portfolio handbook

- (2) Low-stakes discussion sessions w/ faculty to clarify common terms eg. conventions, genre that students [& instructors?] found confusing

- (3) gathering reflections from instructors on challenges & successes in the classroom (eg. AI, COVID)

- ii) new SLOs & Students' Guide coming in Fall 2025

- iii) internal hiring of 9 new PoPs this semester -- GATs can participate in the hiring committee (unpaid) (email Shelley)

Comment: I think the last email said that there might be some money for graduate students who do this. Definitely apply--these positions will affect graduate student mentoring.

- iv) WP awards deadline extended to 2/2

- v) Ongoing issues w/ 1515:

- (1) no update on heating issues (batteries melted in some units ...) bc HVAC dept is understaffed; need to order parts

- (2) \$50m in deferred maintenance university-wide (!)

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- (3) old computer room may be converted into FERPA room

- (4) new blinds may be put in to common areas
- (5) can't do anything about frequency of cleaning – don't put food in individual trash
- (6) Email Anne about: getting office furniture, etc from U of A Surplus (WP will pay); severe cleaning issues in offices; info abt space heaters & alternative locations for work as heating issues are resolved

Rep Reports

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):
 - No report.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & VACANT):
 - No Report
- WPC
 - Assessment (VACANT):
 - Awards (VACANT):
 - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
 - No meetings scheduled yet this semester.
 - By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown):
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 - Professional Development (Luke Keeling):
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 - Values & Strategic Planning (VACANT):
- GPSC (Kriti):
 - Basic Needs Microgrant applications are now open.
- Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
 - TONIGHT!! First Social Event of 2025!
- First-Year Rep (Anran Hou)
 - No report.
- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
 - N/a (No report)
- EAL (Yi Li):
 - No report.
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):
 - Make sure to use the CATalyst lab in the library! Lot of great free workshops for students and may also help to increase graduate student presence there so we don't lose those resources.
 - The first lit speaker series was today 10am-12. More speakers to come. We also have AZQ the last week/weekend in March 27th-28th, our McLaughlin-Weber Speaker the first weekend of March, and more. The Martian Chronicles reading at Biosphere II, and more!
 - LitShop needs presenters. If you have work you would like to present, please contact David Seamans (dhseamans@arizona.edu) or Amanda (Bing) Zhu (bingzhu@arizona.edu)
 - Continued talks about grad student numbers
 - Also discussion about trying to solidify how many classes regularly will be taught each semester and whether existing faculty need to expect to cover more classes

so that fewer individuals having to be called for from existing WP instructors (current faculty cannot cover everything though—too few). Either this or discussions about if there is a way to have own PoP positions similar to what WP instituted. Huge part of the program is electives and we should lean into this.

- RCTE (Josie Portz):
 - No report.
- SLAT (Alona Kladijeva & Mukaddes Çoban Postaci):
 - SLAT Roundtable will take place next Friday and Saturday (Feb. 7-8)

Comment: How do we find out more information about this?

Comment: Here's the official site for that:

<https://sites.google.com/email.arizona.edu/23rd-slat-irt-2024/home?authuser=0>

- JSLAT is now accepting submissions for the next volume (Deadline: February 28, 2025). Check out the website for more information:
<https://journals.librarypublishing.arizona.edu/jslat/submissions/>
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- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
 - No meetings scheduled yet; no report this time.

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