

EGU Meeting Agenda

February 14, 2025

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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Password: EGU_2425

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| Officers Present: | Katya, Josh, Dillon, Quinn, Anran, Larissa |
| Visitors Present: | |

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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) We have secured a bulletin board spot
 - i) Curate a list of journal & conference proposal that we want to post
 - ii) Please send any recent publications to josh – will print versions of the title page
- 2) Katya Makhnina
 - a) DEI concerns
 - i) Instructor autonomy remains a priority
 - ii) Specific language might be removed
 - b) GATs on hiring committee will most likely be compensated
 - c) Office space (no update)
 - d) EGU travel grant renaming
 - e) Library research award: <https://lib.arizona.edu/about/give/willock>

Rep Reports

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):
 - No report.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & VACANT):
 - No report
- WPC
 - Assessment (Larissa Runyan):
 - Genre event coming up soon! Fill out the survey if you haven't already.
 - Awards (VACANT):
 - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
 - We are working on preparing materials that supplement the new student learning outcomes (which I think are also out for a vote right now to the

writing program). So, we're having a partnered meeting with the textbook committee next Wednesday at 3 PM — feel free to attend and offer input.

- By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown):
 - No report
- Professional Development (Luke Keeling):
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- Values & Strategic Planning (VACANT):
- GPSC (Kriti):
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- Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
 - Post Meeting social hour at Cork and Craft Happy Hour
 - CRAFTING night soon to come – location tbd – thoughts on a mid week social event?
 - Department Hike March 8th
- First-Year Rep (Anran Hou)
 - No report.
- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
 - N/a
- EAL (Yi Li):
 - No report.
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):
 - Lit faculty meeting:
 - Discussion about how to word acceptance for incoming students. 50 PhD applicants, 21 MAs, only can fully fund 3.
 - Discussion about whether or not to keep MA exam and discussion about whether earning an MA should be a kind of “consolation prize” for if folks are accepted to PhD program and pass comps but don't finish. Decided to keep discussing with other faculty before putting anything to a vote.
 - Ideas for upcoming events?
 - Future employment series being put on. Please check out!
 - CATalyst studios professional development opportunity for teaching
 - Update on today's Douglass Day activities
 - So successful we broke the library of congress's servers!
- RCTE (Josie Portz):
 - *Sorry, I'll have to miss today.*
 - RCTE faculty had to reschedule their meeting; (More updates to come when that meeting happens)
 - Admissions
 - RCTE have made 5 initial offers for incoming RCTEs so far
 - RCTE Assessment
 - Dr. Abraham to meet with UCATT to follow up on guidance for this process
 - Reactivating RCTE alumni base
 - Faculty thinking about how to maintain more consistent connections with RCTE alumni and have them involved in our activities

- 1515 Offices
 - I relayed some of our discussions about the 1515 Offices to Dr. Abraham. He affirmed documentation of the current state of the offices would be a good starting point and mentioned he would be willing to take a look and co-sign on any documentation or letters we created for administration.
- DEI conversation
 - I also relayed EGU's commitment to supporting UA's students and instructors and our concern with what steps the Department might take to do the same. I didn't receive anything concrete about this. There might be a fuller response when the meeting is held again.
- SLAT (Alona Kladieva & Mukaddes Çoban Postaci):
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- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
 - No report. First meeting scheduled for March 3.

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