

## EGU Meeting Agenda

March 28, 2025

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Password: EGU\_2425

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Josh Barrows; Katya Makhnina; Josie Portz; Quinn Tuozzo; Amy Brown; Grace Humphreys; Anran Hou
<b>Visitors Present:</b>	

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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) Provost Search is Underway: Find my notes on their presentations (apologies that I was not able to make it for Candidate B, but I will try to fill in information as I can) - [Provost Candidate Search](#)
  - i) Final Candidate is on Monday, March 31st from 9:00-10:00
- b) APR self study is starting – I (Josh) will be serving as the student rep
  - i) Every 7 years, all units go through annual program reviews, so we will be undergoing this process for the next year

#### 2) Katya Makhnina

- a) Elections
- b) Stephanie Mao meeting 4/4 to discuss WP director's performance review
- c) WP TA conversations due today
- d) Updates from WP/Engl Dept meetings:
  - i) Events: admitted student day 4/12, PoP input (TBA)
  - ii) Summer 25 teaching: college has "scaled back" offerings by ~20%
  - iii) WP updates: Shelley suggesting fewer WP-all-member meetings (2/semester) in favor of a newsletter; curriculum & instructional materials committee proposes mandating some kind of AI policy in WP syllabi (no regulation as to what the policy must be, just that there must be one)
  - iv) changes to UG grade appeal process
  - v) SLO soft constituency vote
  - vi) Free copies of *Genre Explained*
  - vii) minimum wage for U of A employees raised from 15 to 16.50
- e) Updates from individual meeting with Shelley:
  - i) PoP position: graduating students (MA and PHD) are eligible (although the first application cutoff has passed) -- need to select "I am a current U of A employee" on [talent.arizona.edu](http://talent.arizona.edu) homepage, then navigating to sidebar and "internal career site" and filtering by "limited to current employees" -- direct links tend not to work

- ii) Lead paint in 1515: plan is to test every room/wall; one office has already been tested, lead paint was found, and the office was repainted. main hazard is paint chips/peeling paint-- tell WP asap if you see. right now the health risk is not severe (even in the office where it was found) -- however, since it is the end of the year, easier to find alternative office space if individuals are worried (Shelley is happy to speak with people about this and any other lead paint concerns).
  - (1) Upon speaking more with the graduate student who was directly affected by the lead paint, they said that the repainting was haphazard and there are still some visible paint chips remaining.
- iii) we can get money for a professional development social at the end of the year

### **Rep Reports**

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):
  - No report.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & VACANT):
  - No report.
- WPC
  - Assessment (Larissa Runyan):
  - Awards (VACANT):
  - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
  - By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown): No report
    - Can we send out this information to all users of the 1515 space?
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    - People are wondering what's up.
      - Amy, we will discuss this during the meeting – we can and probably should spread the information further, but we also don't want to create an undue panic, so we should discuss how to share the information delicately.
  - Professional Development (Luke Keeling):
  - Values & Strategic Planning (VACANT):
- GPSC (Kriti):
  - GPSC nominations are now open. Deadline for nominations: March 31st.
  - Trans Day of Visibility Gala- March 29th, Saturday, 06PM – 08PM @Environment and Natural Resources 2 Building. RSVP URL is [bit.ly/4hwvdGe](http://bit.ly/4hwvdGe)
- Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
  - April 11th - EGU Night at Baseball - Katya is singing the Natl Anthem with the Faculty Choir, and it is free with your cat card!

Comment: [makhnina@arizona.edu](mailto:makhnina@arizona.edu) congratulations!!!

- First-Year Rep (Anran Hou)
  - Credit transfer and evaluation

- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
- EAL (Yi Li):
  - No report.
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):
  - We have two new affiliate faculty in English (aka for the lit program): [Dr. DeAnna Daniels](#) and [Dr. Joela Jacobs](#). Check out their academic interests!

**Comment:** She's awesome!

**Reply:** I hope I get to meet her sometime. 😊

- AZ Quarterly Symposium was this week on Thursday and today.
- Looking for movie ideas for our next literature hangout
  - Quinn may be hosting a separate "terrible movies" series at some point in the future. TBD.
    - Contingent on when I move into a somewhat larger space this summer—Quinn
- Had a "thought-sharing" lit shop on Friday and it was a blast!
- RCTE (Josie Portz):
  - No report (there was no RCTE faculty meeting in March).
  - Next RCTE faculty meeting April 9th
- SLAT (Alona Kladiava & Mukaddes Çoban Postaci):
- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
  - Next (actually first) meeting scheduled for April 14. No further official report.

### **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