

## EGU Meeting Agenda

April 18, 2025

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

Password: EGU\_2425

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Katya, Larissa Runyan, Josie, Josh, Amy
<b>Visitors Present:</b>	

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- 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) Update on APR process
    - i) In the process of finding external reviewers. If you have names of people you'd like to put forth, Josh can submit up to 2 names for internal and external.
      - (1) It can't be anyone on the committee for the self-study.
    - ii) They're also looking for a list of comparative schools. We can provide that information as well. Each committee member can only provide 1 school.
    - iii) After all of that, they will move into the process of self-study.
    - iv) If you would like to suggest something here, please reach out to Josh so that he [I] can explain more and talk about criteria that they are looking for in these positions
  - b) Update on elections (you will receive reminders this next week)
    - i) Need to have nominations for co-Chair positions
- 2) Katya Makhnina
  - a) Nom emails are out – search your inbox/check spam
    - i) Last-minute nominations are still possible, esp for: EGU Co-Chair, WPC Assessment Committee Rep, WPC Professional Development Committee Rep, WPC Values and Strategic Planning Committee Rep, CW Program Rep, and EAL Program Rep
  - b) Still no response/update re: lead paint
  - c) New SLOs: [soft constituency vote](#), piloting for FYW courses (reach out to Lauren Harvey)
  - d) [“Delivering on our promise” survey](#) from U of A president
  - e) Resources for international student safety - reach out to Lauren Harvey

### **Rep Reports**

- Secretary (Grace Humphreys):

- No report.
- EDI Co-Chairs (Sheyda Safaeyan & VACANT):
  - No report.
- WPC
  - Assessment (Larissa Runyan):
    - Update: books over Genre are available FOR FREE at the department office
    - Event: The Core Concepts: Reflection workshop
      - Date and Time: **Friday, April 25th, from 3-4pm** (the all-member WP meeting is cancelled for this).
      - Zoom link: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/84019209489>
      - Blurb: “As we go into the last weeks of the semester and with that the shift to the portfolio project, this Core Concepts Workshop will provide valuable insights into reflection: what it is, what our students need to know about it, and how we can best use reflection in our classrooms. This session will offer both practical strategies and engaging discussions.

The Workshop will be facilitated by **Dr. Emily Jo Schwaller**, assistant director of Writing Across the Curriculum, who currently works to facilitate professional development and support instructors in many areas of teaching, like implementing meaningful writing and reflection into courses. Dr. Schwaller will be joined by **Lydia Paar** and **Jon LaGuardia**, two members of the assessment committee and established lecturers in our program.

**Can't attend live? No problem!** The workshop will be recorded and shared with all registered participants afterward. We look forward to seeing you there as we dive into this exciting topic together!

- Awards (VACANT):
  - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean Chadwick):
  - By-Laws (Amy Garret Brown):
  - Professional Development (Luke Keeling):
  - Values & Strategic Planning (VACANT):
- GPSC (Kriti):
  - GPSC voting is now open till 19th April. Voting link:  
[https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5Bf9IloPktQxjFQ](https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5Bf9IloPktQxjFQ)
- Social Chair: (Josh Barrows)
  - End of Year Social – Saturday, May 10th
- First-Year Rep (Anran Hou)
  - No report.
- CW (Dillon Thomas Clark):
  - n/a
- EAL (Yi Li):
  - No report.
- LIT & Lit Grad Curriculum (Larissa Runyan):

- I brought the issue of unanswered emails to John's attention and he said to tell everyone that he doesn't mind being emailed twice. His inbox is quite full so second or third reminders are helpful and emphasizing on if things are time-sensitive.
- RCTE (Josie Portz):
  - RCTE Admissions
    - There will be 5 or 6 incoming students for Fall '25)
    - 2 MAs and 3 PhDs accepted (yet to hear back from 1 more prospective student)
  - Supporting students with F1 visas
    - Faculty want to support students already here on these visas and noted that this precarity is a concern for incoming students in the current political climate
  - Teaching assignments
    - Drs. Rodrigo, Abraham, and Miller-Cochran are teaching in Spring '26, these courses can be populated by the 5 or 6 incoming students and the second year cohort (2)
    - These courses will likely be shared with SLAT and SBS affiliates as well
  - Comp Exams Experience
    - This will become a more individualized experience with students' advisors rather than a workshop
    - It was noted that faculty need to clearly articulate the additional labor that will fall on students as a result
      - eg. logistics of putting together your own comps committee, which was facilitated by the comps chair in earlier iterations of the comps experience
      - Faculty will work on incorporating language to support this transition into the RCTE handbook
  - RCTE Online MA
    - RCTE is accepting applications for this now for Fall 2025 and Spring 2026
    - The [webpage](#) for this is live
      - Additionally, faculty are thinking through whether/the timing of how these online MA students go through the first year RCTE colloquium
- SLAT (Alona Kladieva & Mukaddes Çoban Postaci):
  - SLATSA officer nomination for 2025-26 AY call has been shared- ends on May 2nd
  - SLAT End of the Year Gathering on May 9th in Cork & Craft (combined event with Suzanne's (Chair) party)
  - Search for SLATSA faculty advisor
- Undergrad Curriculum (Quinn Tuozzo):
  - UGCC meeting on Monday, April 14. Minor updates to the EAL, various discussions of cross-listing classes, new class proposed by Pete Figler (which historically tend to be the bulk of these meetings). Nothing immediately relevant to grad students (as usual) but opportunities may potentially arise for TAships.

## **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