

## EGU Meeting Agenda

November 4th, 2022

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Meeting Link: <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/85127486297>

Password: 3NgGR@3202

<b>Officers Present:</b>	Alyx, Matt, Griff, Josie, Charlie, Laura, David, Désiré,
<b>Visitors Present:</b>	Kelli

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### Co-Chair Reports

#### 1) Griff

##### a) WP All Member Meeting:

- i) Shelley presented current iteration of [proposed budgetary changes](#)
- ii) Biggest takeaway is reallocation of income streams will likely result in summer courses being capped the same as semester courses (raised to 25 students)
- iii) Very brief discussion of “Safety and Environment” guide and department proposed next steps following campus shooting
- iv) Shelley invited D&I to host next WP All Meeting on 11/18 to facilitate further discussion of “Safety and Environment,” how it might affect the D&I climate survey, and encouraging dialogue of what “environmental” changes need to be addressed for department/campus safety

##### b) Discussion of Agenda for in-person meeting on 11/18 (co-discussion with Josie)

- i) Agenda necessary for receiving dept. funding
- ii) Do we want to make this meeting any different from our regular business? Workshop/brainstorming session?
- iii) Griff: Proposal for adding a “Household Take One/Leave One” Sharing Table to agenda as step toward community care and example of EGU agenda conversation

#### 2) Alyx (interim Co-Chair) **[VACANT]**

##### a) The Co-Chairs met this Tuesday to discuss division of labor

- i) Griff will primarily handle EGU project management responsibilities (e.g. managing project proposals, facilitating project discussions) and attend the dept meetings/meetings with Shelley
- ii) Alyx will primarily handle administrative responsibilities (e.g. calling meetings, managing the Zoom space, submitting CART requests, and managing the Co-Chairs Gmail account) and attend the council meetings/meetings with Aurelie

- b) From Kelli Lycke: Please consider participating in the GPSC Grad Student Financial Stress Survey which is designed to, "...show a difference in the financial stress of grad students since the report from 2020. We use this to talk to administrators and advocate for student needs."
- i) Comment: "It really does take 5 minutes or less (unless you're leaving extensive comments in the final section like I did)."
- c) Language for Grad Studies Committee concerns: Aurelie and I have been out of touch for the majority of this semester, but I want to meet with her at least one more time before the Fall Break; here's the language I've come up with so far in regards to her plan to repurpose the committee:
- i) How would repurposing this committee explicitly benefit grad students? One concern we have is that this committee would essentially replicate what EGU does in terms of addressing student concerns across all programs; this would potentially affect our viability as an advocacy group representative of the grad student body and potentially decrease our visibility in the department.
- ii) How would grad students be represented on the committee? EGU has historically experienced difficulties filling all of our officer positions for every academic year and that by adding another committee for grad students to serve on would 1) potentially divert grad student membership away from EGU, and 2) further burden EGU labor and membership by adding another officer position to be filled. Additionally, how would the committee structure ensure that this isn't just another way for admin/faculty to make more decisions about grad student concerns without grad student input?
- iii) How would faculty be represented on the committee? Grad students in EGU and in their individual programs have expressed feeling anxious, unheard, disrespected, or unsafe having certain discussions with certain faculty members. Adding another committee would increase the labor on our already overburdened faculty and potentially divert their attention and energy away from working with use to improve the overall quality of our curriculums and programs, or (in the worst case scenario) further isolate faculty and grad students from having those productive conversations.
- iv) Comment from Alyx / **ACTION:** "I'd like to send this to Aurelie by Wednesday (11/9), so please contribute your additions/suggestions by Tuesday (11/8); we can also workshop this during the meeting time permitting."
- d) Personal Note: I'll be leaving Arizona for the remainder of the Fall/Winter holidays on 11/11, so all of my EGU participation will be asynchronous until we come back in January 2023; please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything from me!

### **Rep Reports**

- Secretary (Leah):
  - No updates
- EDI Co-Chairs (Thir & Caleb):
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- WPC
  - Assessment (Larissa):
    - Did portfolio readings. Will probably meet one last time as an entire WPC and then wait to reconvene again until Spring.
  - Awards (Mucktadir):
    - No updates
  - Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean):
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  - Difference & Inequality (Griffin):
    - Next meeting is 11/8 and we will be addressing more input for crafting the climate survey
    - D&I will be leading the 11/18 WP meeting
  - Values & Strategic Planning (Anh):
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  - Professional Development (Désiré):
    - Presentation: Annotated Bibliography by Nick (Date: Nov 4, 2022; Zoom link [here](#))
    - Spring Symposium Call for Proposals (deadline is Nov. 7)
- GPSC (Kriti):
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- Social Chair (Josie):
  - **Tentative plan for Nov. 18th EGU Meeting + Refreshments**
    - Meeting time would be shifted to 5:00-6:30pm
      - Hybrid modality available for folx who can't be there at 5pm
    - Would be hosted by Griff
      - Close to campus (behind El Con on 5th between Dodge and Alvernon),
      - Relatively mobility-accessible (single story, ranch-style home), large backyard (unpaved, but with paved patio)
    - Josie and Griff are working on getting funding for pizza + non-alcoholic beverages for the meeting
    - Social gathering could follow afterwards (BYOB)
    - A flyer is ready to be circulated early next week
      - **Points of input needed:**
        - Are we happy with the shift in time?
        - Are there particular agenda items that need to be prioritized for this meeting?
          - Good to keep in mind for the sake of efficiency, but also as a matter of documentation for funding.
        - Is there interest for being part of a bring one/take one event?
          - Griff mentioned he has quite a few duplicate household items that might go to new homes. This can be an opportunity for us to share/swap what we have with each other at this event.
  - **Tentative plan for a LingCircle X EGU Trivia night at Espresso Art Cafe**

- More details to come soon; Josie currently following up with a LingCircle member who proposed the idea
  - First-Year Rep ([VACANT]):
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  - CW ([VACANT]):
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  - EAL (Maria):
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  - LIT (Matt):
    - No updates at this time.
  - RCTE (Charlie):
    - ICR is not a requirement for newest RCTE cohort
    - RCTE Job Workshop will be open to all English Grad Students and offered earlier than the Fall semester when students go on the Job Market
    - RCTE Faculty are meeting with Amy Kimme Hea to clear the new MA requirements.
    - The RCTE faculty had meaningful conversations about supporting particular students.
  - SLAT (Anh & Mariana):
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  - Undergrad Curriculum (Laura):
    - October UGCC Meeting Notes:
    - Proposal #1: Enable two lower-division courses to count for elective credit for the Creative Writing major and let a lower-division course count for the elective credit for the CW minor
      - Passed: 8-0
    - Proposal #2: Redistribute the SLOS from 396A (which was eliminated from lit major requirements last year) and approve SLOs for ENGL 373C (added as historical course option for undergrads)
      - Passed: 8-0
    - In discussion: Should we offer creative literature-themed sections of ENGL 101/102?
    - In discussion: Expanding subsections of ENGL 280. A poll was sent to GATs to gauge which subsections they would most be interested in teaching (“Meaning of Life” and “Other Worlds” theme was most popular, “Pulp Fiction” and “War” were most unpopular). A poll for the English Dept undergrads will be sent out as well.
  - Lit Grad Curriculum (David):
    - No updates

### **Project Reports**

- EGU Constitution Revision:
  - Procedural/Clarification revisions were approved in-house in SP 2022; **revisions have been updated on the website as of Sept. 12th**
  - Structural/Position-Related Revisions were brought to a vote in SP 2022, and all five passed; **revisions for the exact language needed before being updated on the website**

- EGU Archive Organization:
  - Jazzie, Claire, and Alyx began the process of documenting everything in the EGU GDrive Archive, and began the process of deleting/merging duplicate items
  - Alyx would like to continue this project; any others interested in this project are welcome to contribute
    - Project likely on hold until after elections or until next semester
- Directory/Newsletter:

### **Projects & Tasks:**

- **URGENT:** Contribute ideas / additional concerns to the language for Grad Studies Committee for Alyx to take to Aurelie **by Tuesday 11/8**
- **URGENT:** Complete the GPSC 2022 Financial Stress Survey
- **URGENT:** Fill vacant officer positions (especially, EGU Co-Chairs)
- **ONGOING:** Add ideas for alternative summer jobs to this doc:
  - Possible Summer Job Opportunities
- **ONGOING:** Revise language for Structural/Position-Related Revisions
- **ONGOING:** Remind people of travel, research and professional development funding with low-stakes application processes!
  - [EGU Travel Awards for “official university business” travel](#) - \$325 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 \$750 for eligible research travel or research project costs, up to \$1500 for eligible Professional Development costs

### **Questions:**

- **ONGOING:** How do we continue to maintain the care systems we've begun working on in AY 2022-23? How can these care systems continue to evolve going forward, and what can future care systems look like?
- **ONGOING:** What is a good funding model? What could help us, the GATs, as the structures shift?

### **Conversations:**

- Labor acknowledgement: Josie taking notes (hi!); Mindy captioning
- Co-chair reports
  - Alyx and Griff met to discuss distribution of labor (see co-chair reports above)
    - Griff - will handle EGU project management
      - Managing project proposals, meeting with WP and Eng Dept
    - Alyx - will handle administrative responsibilities
      - Calling meetings, Zoom spaces, managing EGU co-chairs Gmail account
  - Consider responding to financial stress survey
  - Grad Studies Committee concerns -

- ACTION - Respond with any input by Tuesday so Alyx can bring the language to the conversation of repurposing the GSC by Wednesday
- Attended WP all-member meeting
  - Changes in revenue streams
    - Takeaway: UA is arguing for reallocation of revenue streams that allows UA to pull some funds back
      - Likely to see summer course caps go up to 25
  - In response to losing a professor, lack of adequate response from University, there is a workshopping of responses from faculty.
    - ACTION - Shelley encourages folx to add to the response; asks D&I committee to step in
      - Much of the suggested responses to the Oct 5th events may be outside of our control and/or not entirely practical
      - Trending increase in policing structures
    - D&I leading the next WP meeting
      - D&I - meeting; Griff advocating for a reevaluation of feedback to be solicited as responses to these events
  - Social event for Nov. 18th
    - Meeting time shifting from 4-5 to 5-6:30
    - Need to have a formal agenda
      - Reflecting on goals, workshopping goals for next semester
        - Trying to think of different ways to support each other
          - Bring one/take one event as illustrating the directions we might want to go; how we want to think about EGU going forward
          - Networks of care
    - Bring one/take one
      - Household items
      - Griff to connect with Shelley to see whether these items might be housed in the collaboration space or elsewhere
    - Technically not able to meet folx beyond Eng and affiliated students
    - Social to follow after
- Action items to vote:
  - Do folx feel comfortable to meet in person? - No explicit opposition
    - Alyx will be managing the online space during the time of the meeting
    - Chat: Could we set up some sort of transportation network? So a way to connect anyone who might need a ride to people who would be willing to provide it?
      - Answer from Griff: He can offer shuttling from El Con if there is overflow of parking. Carpooling can be coordinated through RSVP
        - If folx would like to volunteer to help in this effort, that is encouraged. Can also be determined from RSVPs
    - Consensus on time and venue.

- Excitement expressed about thinking through using the agenda to think through how EGU can be rethought as a network of care
  - Alyx noted that the agenda can be bare bones for this meeting
    - Because we'll be offering the Zoom modality, we can offer the same template of agenda, but we can also leave it open for a more emerging, free-flowing format
    - Normally we are successful in getting funding; Alyx amenable to looking through documents before submission for funding
  - The agenda can be used to exist in writing that we can then take forward in more concrete ways
  - Documents for the event will be submitted on Monday
    - There may be funding from WP or English Dept
    - A flyer will be sent out early next week with an RSVP form
- Rep- Reports
  - GPSC
    - 2020 Financial Stress Survey - most graduate students got a raise for the 22/23 cycle
    - Shared with AZ Board of Regents
      - There's a need to demonstrate the need for more money still through collection of data (inflation, other factors)
        - Chat: there are also domino effect problems with the raise increase. people with AHCCCS as a primary or secondary health insurance option lost it (max income for an individual in 2022 is \$18,754) which means losing options like dental that student care does not cover.
    - **ACTION -** Respond to the 2022 Financial Stress Survey when available
      - There's a tendency to send students to the Campus Pantry as an excuse not to increase stipends
      - Will follow up with that concern
        - Conversations with the Campus Pantry have shown that they also need more support
          - Lack of resources due to repeated and strong student need
      - Getting to Campus Pantry is also a matter of access which prevents it from being a universal solution for students
        - Need for transportation and a way to carry groceries back
        - Cannot self-select items that are needed
      - Observation that the kinds of benefits and supports affect the way that our salaries are spent
        - I.e. changing health insurance has affected dental, trans care, and more
      - Chat: GPSC is working to understand the new health insurance problem. Many many many students are upset about it
  - Undergrad Curriculum
    - Conversation about expanding subsections of ENGL 280

- GAT folx received a poll to gauge which subsections they would most be interested in teaching (“Meaning of Life” and “Other Worlds” theme was most popular, “Pulp Fiction” and “War” were most unpopular).
    - A poll for the English Dept undergrads will be sent out as well.
  - 1515 Office Space
    - Conversation with the Dean of SBS and co-reps about the Pink Hotel (1515 Offices)
      - A tour was led through the Pink Hotel
      - The dean responded that she feels that access is a priority to fix at the Pink hotel
        - Coming up on inspections
    - Another conversation with the dean about Student Fees increasing
      - Conversations about rolling tuition and fees together
      - Part of a larger conversation
        - Activity in the chat expressing dismay at the state of student fees
- Next meeting will be held in-person
  - Note that the time has been changed to 5:00-6:30
  - Keep a lookout for that information coming out in emails
    - Flyer w/ RSVP
- Last meeting to be held Dec 2nd
  - Can be added to the agenda of next meeting