**EGU Meeting Agenda**

March 18th, 2022

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Meeting Link:**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86012828356?pwd=T09tR0RTdXNuK3ZPUnBOSVlGNUVqQT09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86012828356?pwd=T09tR0RTdXNuK3ZPUnBOSVlGNUVqQT09)

**Password:** 3NgGR@2202

| **Officers Present:** | Alyx, Claire, Janelle, Leah, Jazzie, Martin, Mary |
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| **Visitors Present:** | Josie, Matt, Ariana (captioner) |

[**Online Access Statement**](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V8OfejnJW0g8C-6iII3dWExyIHhdQNsl/view?usp=sharing) (template provided by the UA Disability Cultural Center)

* Exist in the space in whatever ways are most comfortable to you
* Please state your name when speaking to assist the captioner (e.g., “Alyx is speaking”)
* Allow others to fully finish their thoughts before beginning to speak

**Co-Chair Reports (Alyx & Martin):**

1. Alyx
   1. Constitution Revisions
      1. Presentation of revision documents
         1. [EGU Constitution (Website)](https://english.arizona.edu/english-graduate-union/constitution)
         2. [Proposed Constitution Revisions](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1R99DILLs__c0EuuPM8FUmPcMgr_m88l7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=106420829450475026621&rtpof=true&sd=true)
         3. [Proposed Revisions Explained](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zGT8IR3Jk4Hq-ntMLZ9EBRGDcOU4KTfrC64OKtakNQ0/edit?usp=sharing)
      2. Are revisions ready to distribute for voting? (time/readiness permitting)
         1. Constitution states: “A proposed amendment to this Constitution must be signed **by at least ten members** of the Voting Membership of the English Graduate Union and submitted in writing to the senior Co-Chair. Upon receipt of the proposed amendment, the senior **Co-Chair shall immediately distribute the proposed amendment** to the Voting Membership and **call a meeting to be held in the second week after its distribution.”**
   2. EGU Visibility Project
      1. Conversation initiated during 2/18 meeting; do we want to proceed with this conversation?
      2. Suggested Project Ideas: booth outside/inside of ML, EGU officer meet-and-greet, mass officer nominations
   3. EGU Upcoming Elections
      1. All positions are up for [re]election; think about the work you started/want to continue or discontinue/want to hand off
      2. I’d like to get elections done before end of semester; in the past we’ve had issues with low voting responses/securing all positions
      3. **Securing both Co-Chair positions is especially crucial**; we want to maintain our presence in Council/as voting members in dept
      4. Can elections be part of EGU Visibility Project?
   4. [3/14 Dept Head Meeting Notes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OM_a4-p7i24Y5eTsP16oJKKaedHwy0XRf6lpL6CBsXA/edit?usp=sharing)
      1. Grad Travel Fund Data Collection: Any updates? Timeline for completion?
      2. Course Offerings & Program Requirements: Aurelie suggested drafting a one-page letter addressing course gaps and limited faculty specializations for her to send to Dean/PDs to support more faculty ~~development~~ recruitment
      3. CoH Move Letter: Aurelie is confident no moves like this will be made in the immediate future; I believe this is low/no priority
   5. [3/18 Council Meeting Notes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1njRETSDehFub-jWHZwkVfpRxKdoyXr4fwY48EFZl1BE/edit?usp=sharing)
2. Martin
   1. Scheduling a meeting with Dev again next week, so I will have an update then!
   2. Search Committee: We had our first candidate visit this week, Dr. Mariya Tseptsura from UNLV. Survey has been sent out to provide feedback if you attended their presentation (it will be an email from Denise Dudoit)
      1. Next week, Erick Piller will be joining as the second candidate. Meeting will be on Thursday again, at the same time (11 am). Please consider attending and providing feedback on the candidate!
   3. (Shoutout to Alyx for being awesome and attending a lot of meetings, I haven’t been able to help out that much this semester! Please consider running for EGU Co-Chair :)

**Rep Reports**

* Secretary (Jazzie):
  + No new updates :)
* EDI (Claire & Caleb):
  + No AIME update - it’s only us and the lecturer representative right now, as everyone else is on sabbatical or resigned. Aurelie offered to meet earlier in the semester, but there’s been little pursuit of that since.
  + As always, reach out as you hear of problems, concerns, questions
* WPC
  + Assessment (Anuj):
  + Awards (Thir):
  + Curriculum & Instructional Materials (Sean):
  + Difference & Inequality (Janelle):
    - Went over position duties and are working on electing a new person for the co-chair position (lecturer)
  + Syllabus Task Force (Nina):
    - We are piloting a survey about the new syllabus template and will send it out soon. I need to find one person who is willing to test the survey! If you take it now, you won’t have to take it again when it is released to everyone. If you are interested, please email me: ninac@email.arizona.edu
* CW (Dure):
* EAL (Eric):
* LIT (Mary):
  + All quiet with literature!
* RCTE (Martin):
  + I’m hoping to hear from other Reps on how their faculty meetings are set up. Are you being involved on Dept. wide faculty involvement and discussions? Are all faculty members showing up to this meeting? How are the meetings being handled (productive discussions/disagreements)?
  + Presentation was given by Tom Miller and Charlie McMartin. Proceeded to discussions on updating the handbook for better understanding of the goals for obtaining an MA. Talked about the incoming cohort (4 grad students) and hesitation if no one accepts offers. I have been wrapped into reworking the handbook regarding the MA program, so if you have any comments or concerns regarding the RCTE handbook, feel free to reach out to me!
* SLAT (Amable & Nina):
  + SLAT admitted five students for next year and one has accepted an admissions offer so far. There will probably be one or two new SLAT GTAs in the WP next year.
* Lit Grad Curriculum (Mary):
* Undergrad Curriculum (Hannah I.):
  + No further updates; next meeting will be Friday, 25 March
* GPSC (Kelli):
* Social Chair (Mucktadir):

**Project Reports**

* EGU Constitution Revision:
* EGU Archive Organization:
* Directory/Newsletter:

**Projects & Tasks:**

* URGENT: Fill the incoming Co-Chair position
* ONGOING: Constitution Revision
* ONGOING: EGU Archive Organization

**Conversations:**

**Questions:**

* ONGOING: How do we continue to maintain the care systems we’ve begun working on this semester? 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?

**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](https://english.arizona.edu/egu-travel-fund) - $325 to cover costs of presenting work at a conference
  + [English Graduate Student Research Fund](https://english.arizona.edu/graduate-student-research-fund) - $500 for research travel/field work. Money can be used for local research costs as of 2021 (including buying books, transcription software, etc.).
  + [GPSC Travel, Research, and Professional Development grants](https://gpsc.arizona.edu/grantsawards). 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