Meeting Date: 24 August 2018

Minutes taken by Elizabeth Labiner, EGU Secretary

Officer Reports

Co-Chairs:

- Department meeting updates
  - Academic Performance Review
    - Holistic view of the state of the English department
    - Review is conducted by both English-affiliated and non-affiliated individuals
    - All meetings for APR are open -- begin Sept. 6
  - Two new hires
    - One in Creative Writing, one in Literature
      - E-mail the co-chairs if you're interested in being on the hiring committee
  - Concern over English enrollment continuing to drop

- Meeting with Dr. Aurelie Sheehan
  - Co-chairs and Dr. Sheehan will have monthly meetings
  - Discussion of department funding more social events
  - Dr. Lynda Zwinger is new DGS
  - Interest in making the graduate student experience more similar across programs

Creative Writing:

- Looking toward hiring process for new professor to focus on Native American poetry
  - General uncertainty regarding the protocols and expectations of the process

Literature:

- (No report)

RCTE:

- Major concern for RCTE right now is the overhaul of the comprehensive exam

E/AL:

- (No report)

SLAT:

- (No report)
First Year Rep:
- A first-year instructor’s room was changed due to DRC accommodations, but the instructor was not notified, nor were they aware that the responsibility was on them to regularly check for that sort of thing
  - WP needs to incorporate this information into GAT training
    - Instructors need to be told to look for DRC accommodations, and shown where and how to do so
    - GATs need to be proactively informed that these sorts of changes are possible and that they are responsible for keeping track of them

WriPACA Reps:
- WIRe has new resource database for instructors

Graduate and Professional Student Council Rep:
- (No report)

Undergrad English Curriculum Committee Rep:
- The English department is pitching a new major: Professional and Technical Writing
- New courses are being proposed
- Retention problems in the undergraduate English major
  - Mirrors university-wide retention problems, but also the falling enrollment in English in general
  - Hope to work with Pima CC to boost retention
- Concerns over RCM budget

Graduate Literature Curriculum Committee Rep:
- (No report)

RCTE Curriculum Committee Rep:
- Little to no information on RCTE CC has been given to the rep; the committee may only meet on an as-needed basis
  - Lack of information is problematic
    - Part of the rep’s goal for the semester is to assess the situation and figure out whether this position is necessary

EGU EDI Co-Chairs:
- Question of how to contact SLAT students
  - For now, send email to co-chairs, who will forward it on your behalf
- Discussion of EDI Facebook page, and whether or not additional forms of outreach are needed
  - Conclusion: official email listservs and Facebook are likely sufficient
- Call for Stories on incivility in the classroom
- Gender pronouns workshop on October 4
  - Still need to find a space and confirm a time
- EDI resource page is in-progress

**New Directions Co-Chairs:**
- (No report)

**Additional Business**

- Dr. Meg Lota Brown, Director of the Graduate Center, would like to come to the next EGU meeting to talk about the Grad Center