Meeting Date: 7 September 2018

Minutes taken by Elizabeth Labiner, EGU Secretary

**Officer Reports**

**Co-Chairs:**
- Academic Performance Review
  - A Graduate Curricular Committee is being added
    - This committee hopefully will look into ways to make the curriculum requirements (and how to meet them) more similar across programs
  - Susan Miller-Cochran is looking for one more grad student to serve on the APR committee; ideally would be someone from Literature or Creative Writing (the two programs not yet represented by a grad student on the committee)

**Creative Writing:**
- MFA App Review
  - New program to offer support to people applying to grad school; looking for volunteers with MFAs to look at application materials and give feedback to potential applicants

**Literature:**
- No report as of yet, but Lit Rep has finally been added to the necessary listserv in order to attend faculty meetings

**RCTE:**
- Concern amongst students that the teaching options are being restricted
  - Grad students were offered opportunity to teach 160D, but then that offer was revoked
  - Only able to teach the standard 100-level composition classes, which limits experience and professional development
  - This restriction is coming from SBS (not WP or English department)
    - No grad students are allowed to teach Tier 1 gen eds
    - No word on what the justification is for this decision
      - Can we petition it?

**E/AL:**
- Had a meeting; certificates were discussed (all good for the time being)
SLAT:
- (No report)

First Year Rep:
- Concern that first-year students may still not know who to contact with concerns -- be sure to disseminate contact info

WriPACA Reps:
- Upcoming open meeting Sept. 18
- One area that WriPACA plans to work on is the attendance policy
  - Particularly need to reevaluate the policy in regard to hybrid online/in-person classes

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

Undergrad English Curriculum Committee Rep:
- Interest in Professional and Technical Writing classes
  - Who will teach the new classes? (links to report from RCTE)

Graduate Literature Curriculum Committee Rep:
- Question regarding the necessity of this position in light of new rule that grad students may not serve on admissions committees
  - This was a major aspect of this position in the past, so it may be that the remaining duties are light enough to simply be picked up by the Lit Rep
- Not a direct curriculum issue, but there is concern regarding the many changes in policy from the library, particularly the book lending
  - Grad students can’t keep books for as long anymore
    - Secondary issue is that we weren’t informed -- the change was made and people are just finding out when their materials are due back much sooner than expected

RCTE Curriculum Committee Rep:
- (No report)
  - This position is under review -- may not be necessary

EGU EDI Co-Chairs:
- Continuing the Call for Stories of incivility in the classroom toward minority instructors
- Upcoming workshop on gendered pronouns
○ Most of the logistics have been worked out; the event will count as an official WP brown bag

**New Directions Co-Chairs:**

- There is currently only one chair -- a co-chair is very much needed!
- Hope to make the conference more universally applicable to all of the English programs; would love feedback and contributions from all fields

**Additional Business**

- Visit from Dr. Meg Lota Brown, Director of the Graduate Center
  - The center is a great resource for all graduate students; Dr. Brown invites everyone to make use of the space, attend the workshops, etc.
  - [https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/](https://gradcenter.arizona.edu/)