

SAGE Minutes

Monday, April 5, 2010

Wescoe 4046

Attending: Jana Tigchelaar, Kari Jackson, Colin Christopher, Rob Topinka, Eric Hood, Jennifer Nish, Kara Bollinger, Margaux DeRoux, Nate Barbarick, Nate Williams, Ann Martinez, Kristen Lillvis

Call to Order, Minutes approved; Nish moved, DeRoux seconded.

Officer Reports.

a. Presidents' Report: 1) Update on meeting w/ Marta Caminero-Santangelo re: GRAsheps, workshops. Caminero-Santangelo emphasized that ANY federal loans, present or former, generally necessitate more than 1 hour of enrollment for those who hold GRAsheps. Hood and Tigchelaar express interest in a fall workshop on comps rationale workshop. 2) Graduate students of the Spanish and Portuguese department expressed an interest in working with us to advocate against the 10 semester limit. Lillvis suggests working together to draft a letter to the chancellor, for example, to bring it above the dept. (who already supports it). Seems to be interest in this idea. 3) Book sale, tentatively scheduled for 9 a.m.-4 p.m., April 28-29. Readathon: Topinka mentions this as a way for people to draw attention to book sale. Topinka circulates sign-up sheets for both book sale and readathon; sign-up sheets will be posted on the SAGE office door as well. 4) Mabel S. Fry—had 10 nominees, and we will find out who wins at awards ceremony, 5) Wescoe mixer? Is it happening? Still up in the air. 6) SAGE committee nominations coming up, Friday Apr. 16 to nominate yourself or someone else for a position. Results will be decided by May 3.

b. Secretary's Report. No report.

c. Treasurer's Report. Our account currently holds \$553.45 in the treasury.

d. FY Liaison Report. No report.

Committee Reports

a. Academics Anonymous. Hood mentions an event happening Tuesday, April 6, in 4001 Wescoe with Dr. Anna Neill, 4-4:45 p.m. Hood encourages people to come. There will be snacks!

b. Advisory Committee. N. Williams: the committee discussed the handout that SAGE distributed. In principle what the committee will be doing will be what we requested, even though it was technically not voted for. In the voting department meeting, some interest was expressed in actually changing the language to reflect the practice.

c. FSE Committee. E Williams emailed: 102 textbook selection is finalized tomorrow. Thanks for filling out the surveys, and if you did, you can expect your CD or cookie later this week! Sonya and Erin are finalizing the survey about the proposed 200-level course workshop that was brought up in SAGE a while back. They plan to administer the survey, see what folks need/want, and go from there. The workshop should be implemented next year.

d. Graduate Assembly: Topinka states that they are going to try to put a new seat in student senate for a graduate student as a way to have a permanent graduate representative. He will be attending senate to vote for that Tuesday. Lillvis asks for clarification about a few grad assembly issues.

e. Graduate Committee: Jackson: no report.

f. GTAL Committee. E. Williams emailed: Some subcommittee work is being done regarding clarifying the transition from GTA to lecturer. More details to come. No meetings planned for the moment.

g. Lecturers/Readers Committee: No report submitted.

h. Library Committee: Behre emailed to encourage those who haven't already to fill out the library survey (which has been distributed over e-mail). Otherwise, no report.

i. MFA Committee. Jackson: meeting next week.

j. Professionalization Workshops Committee: Ash emailed: the professionalization event for creative writers that took place Tuesday, March 30 went well. Mike Johnson, Tom Lorenz, and Lacy Johnson were the panelists. Topics covered included publishing, employment, and PhD opportunities. There were about 20 people in attendance.

DeRoux also stated that there will be a workshop on April 12 on finding jobs outside the academy. "I'm going to go crazy with the snacks" says DeRoux. She also calls for questions for the panelists to ponder and respond to about finding jobs outside the academy—which will come via an email.

k. Public Face/Alumni Relations: Kuckelman emailed: No report

l. SAGE Advice: Jackson: It just hasn't come together—she's looking to revise her ideas.

m. Social Committee: Ortiz emailed: Please let everyone know that if they are interested in an end of the year event, she would be happy to plan something and take suggestions. DeRoux will talk to Ashley about a post-finals gathering.

n. Summer Institutes Committee: Egging emailed: Reminder that this summer's seminar will be with Larry Buell (Dr. Harrington recently sent out an email about possible tuition assistance for this summer course). Christopher clarified that the "short note" really is that.

The summer 2011 seminar has also been set: poet and poetry theorist Aldon Nielsen will be the visiting professor.

o. Supplemental Funds Committee: No report submitted.

p. Sustainability Committee: Brox emailed: No report.

q. Webmaster's Report: Thomas emailed: The website is currently up-to-date.

Old Business. none

New Business. Lillvis thanks the assembled for an awesome year, saying "We accomplished a lot!"

Motion to adjourn: Topinka moved, Williams seconded, approved.

Meeting Adjourned.