

SAGE Minutes

Monday, February 1, 2010

Wescoe 4046

Attending: Jana Tigchelaar, Ali Brox, Audrey McDonald, Kara Bollinger, Jennifer Nish, Daryl Lynn Dance, Katie Egging, Erin Williams, Masami Sugimori, Kari Jackson, Rob Topinka, Lauren Kiehna, Lance Turner, Lisa Schlegel, Margaux DeRoux, Nate Barbarick, Kristen Lillvis, Ann Martinez

Call to Order, Minutes approved; E. Williams moved, Dance seconded.

Officer Reports.

a. Presidents' Report: 1. Martinez updates on the co-presidents' meeting with Marta Caminero-Santangelo regarding merit pay and step increases; there will be no raises or increases across the board (college-wide); 2. Final call for feedback on best practices documents? 3. Final call for feedback on Comp/Rhet candidates, needed by today (2/1/2010); Martinez reminds students of the opportunity to attend the meeting tomorrow from 3:30-4 p.m.; 4. Spring activities: book sale time change from March to April, Martinez mentions the possibility of a Readathon concurrent with the book sale to promote literacy; Martinez calls for committee volunteers to help with the book sale and mini-committee for the Readathon. Lillvis asks if the Bathtub Collective would be interested in helping/participating in the Readathon. Bollinger volunteers for booksale; Jackson for Readathon. DeRoux mentions a potential Valentine's Day Activity fundraiser: poem sale/commission with Bathtub Collective's help. Jackson mentions the possibility of the Bathtub Collective splitting costs for this event (Note: this event is not happening this year; perhaps in 2011); 5. Martinez brings up the various documents/emails circulating regarding the future of academic jobs/plan B and the response from graduate students. Martinez asks for alternative ideas for how to address concerns about finding jobs (such as workshops, etc.) All present agree that the topic needs to be addressed. Some debate about the best way to approach the issue ensued. Brox also mentions the fact that the term "Plan B" might be offensive to students who have no intention of entering the academic job market, regardless of the economic climate. Several people mention that there are SAGE committees eager to work further on the issue; 6) Martinez states that SILC sent out an announcement to Grad organizations mentioning their interest in filming graduate students in action (possibly filming a meeting, a fundraising event). Lillvis opines that an event would be better fodder for the camera than meetings; 7) Martinez passes on the request from the Harrises to have SAGE members cater an event. There are few details (time, place, number of attendees). Several students express interest, details forthcoming.

b. Secretary's Report. No report.

c. Treasurer's Report. Our account currently holds \$579.00 in the treasury.

d. FY Liaison Report. No report.

Committee Reports

a. Academics Anonymous. Nish mentions that they are working on a research workshop scheduled with Julie Buchsbaum on Feb. 23 at 4 p.m. They have also contacted Misty Schieberle and Anna Neill to request initial dates from them.

b. Advisory Committee. N. Williams states that the Hanes Faculty research fellowship would help assistant or associate profs who are up for their next promotion get financial support of up to \$4000/year for two people per year. This fellowship could finance student researchers helping mentors. That proposal is being put together.

c. FSE Committee. E. Williams first refers to the suggestions for a workshop for 200 level courses or workshop (similar to V-6 training). Williams states that they will be soliciting for more info before proceeding. FSE Committee hasn't met yet.

d. Graduate Assembly: Topinka states there is more money available (potentially quite a bit). Due date for this money is coming up; Topinka calls for speakers that would be of interest to the campus as a whole. Martinez asks whether we need to have a speaker in mind prior to applying; Topinka answers in the affirmative. Dance outlines the application details a bit. Topinka calls for ideas for speakers, things in the SAGE lab, etc.

e. Graduate Committee: Phillips emailed; they are meeting next Wednesday.

f. GTAL Committee. Anderegg emailed; they have not yet met this semester.

g. Lecturers/Readers Committee. No report. Next event coming up in March 25, 7:30 p.m.

h. Library Committee: Behre emailed; no report.

i. MFA Committee. Jackson states they have not yet met.

j. Professionalization Workshops Committee: Kuckelman emailed: They are still planning on holding two events this semester. Amy Ash is planning a panel in March targeted at MFA students and Margeaux DeRoux is planning another one answering some of the "Plan B" questions April 12. DeRoux is looking for more people to participate in this panel focusing on alternatives to academic employment.

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

l. SAGE Advice: Jackson sent out a questionnaire for the spring issue with some responses due by Feb. 12.

m. Social Committee: Priscaru sent no report.

n. Summer Institutes Committee: Egging: Institute for this summer is Lawrence Buell. The main draw for bringing Buell here is to fill in the gap for ecocriticism. There will be an email in the next few weeks from Egging for suggestions for 2011's Institute.

o. Supplemental Funds Committee: Turner states: no report

p. Sustainability Committee: Brox mentions that there has been some interest in a mini-workshop for people interested in grading electronically, potentially during the week of Feb. 8-11. N Williams asks if this is something faculty could also participate in, Brox agrees. Email Brox if interested.

q. Webmaster's Report: Thomas emailed: Halloween party pictures are now online. She will soon be in process of building new site.

Old Business. none

New Business. none

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

Meeting Adjourned.