

## **SAGE Minutes**

**Thursday, September 4, 2008**

**4:00 pm, 1015 Wescoe**

**Attending:** Pat Phillips, Andy Anderegg, Amy Sherman, Katie Savage, Justin Sevenker, Shelley Stonebrook, Ann Martinez, Stephanie Scurto, Keri Behre, Kristen Lillvis, Heather Bastian, Eric Hood, Jana Tigchelaar, Amy Hume, Amy Ash, Masami Suguimori, Nate Barbarick, Erin Williams, Katie Egging, Kari Jackson, Nate Williams

**Call to Order,** Minutes approved

### **Officer Reports.**

a. Presidents' Report: Report 1) Introductions, welcome to new students, and thanks for the picnic 2) Goals for the year: continue professionalizing, act as a liaison between members and the department/administration, keep things running smoothly during the displacement, and when appropriate, work toward getting GTA/lecturer offices and SAGE lab back in summer 09. 3) Meeting with Joe Harrington about improving the graduate program (if anyone's interested). Jana Tigchelaar and Shelley Stonebrook express enthusiasm. We will invite him to a SAGE meeting for the last 20 minutes or so in the interests of keeping the meeting to an hour.

b. Secretary's Report. No report

c. Treasurer's Report. \$835.91 in the SAGE Slush fund, Heather Bastian points out that it's the most we've ever had. Kristen Lillvis is looking into getting a checking account for the SAGE funds. We will be doing Rent-a-grad-student this spring for our fundraiser.

d. FY Liaison Report. No Reports.

### **Committee Reports**

a. Academics Anonymous. The committee has yet to solidify this year's plans, but they have three graduate students and one professor in mind. Masami Suguimori notes that the committee briefly considered renaming the event, but decided against it.

b. Advisory Committee. Two faculty members are coming up for tenure and promotion this year: Ann Rowland and Marta Caminero-Santangelo. Graduate student input through unsolicited letters is welcome. Letters must be submitted to Dorice by Sept. 15, or in the following week at the latest. Graduate students may also speak with Dorice to give their input. Bastian expressed concern that the letters are not automatically part of the tenure and promotion files. She pointed out that this does not accord with the new College policy that the promotion and tenure process must include unmediated graduate student input. Jessica Isaac will take this to the committee.

c. FSE Committee. No report

d. Graduate Assembly. Justin Sevenker reports that the Grad Exec committee that overlooks the Graduate Association and the Student Executive Committee for Student Senate are looking for members. See Sevenker for details.

e. Graduate Committee. No report.

f. GTAL Committee. No report.

g. Lecturers/Readers Committee. No report.

h. Library Committee. No report.

i. MFA Committee. No report.

j. Professionalization Workshops Committee. No report.

k. Public Face/Alumni Relations. No report.

l. SAGE Advice. Submissions are welcome; they should be sent to Kari Jackson through email. The first issue of the year should be out soon.

m. Social Committee. First paycheck party, tomorrow at Henry's! Meghan Kuckelman is responsible for the new fliers. Wescoe mixer: under Social Committee control this year. Bastian suggests doing it in the fall—it's a time when students want to meet new people. Possible conflict with Halloween party discussed. Kuckelman and Erin Conley are thinking of hosting the Halloween party.

n. Summer Institutes Committee. Holmes Institute was very successful, Amy Hume thanks everyone who participated and helped. Hume and Marta C-S have sent out emails requesting nominations—we will have the Holmes and the Multicultural Institutes this coming summer. Be creative in nominations, particularly for the multicultural institute as its topic is more flexible. Hume pointed out that graduate students can receive funding from the department for the institutes, and that it's great to get to work with people you normally wouldn't know. The deadline for nominations is Sept. 15.

o. Supplemental Funds Committee. No report

p. Webmaster's report. Working on putting up the pictures of the new graduate students. We'll be taking last names off the pictures from parties out of privacy concerns. Send Amy Hume any SAGE pictures you think would belong on the website.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Heather says FSE is reviewing the 101 texts, starting in the next couple of months. She will be sending out surveys pretty soon—please fill them out so that they can get a feel for what's needed. She promises the surveys will involve only circling, no narrative!

**Meeting Adjourned.** Phillips motions, Suguimori seconds.