

SAGE Minutes

Wednesday, September 02, 2009

Wescoe 4050

Attending: Kristen Lillvis, Rob Topinka, Jana Tigchelaar, Ali Brox, Jeremy Miller, Keri Behre, Kari Jackson, Samantha Bishop Simmons, Meghan Kuckelman, Erin Conley, Nathaniel Williams, Ashley Ortiz, Margaux DeRoux, Kara Bollinger, Jennifer Nish, Audrey McDonald, Colin Christopher, Masami Sugimori, Erin Williams, Amy Sherman

Call to Order, Minutes approved; Topinka moved, Brox second.

Officer Reports.

a. Presidents' Report: Martinez was unable to attend but will be at the next meeting. Lillvis welcomes the new students, and thanks everyone for the success of the SAGE picnic. Goals for the year: continue professionalizing; continuing task of documenting processes, something we want to work on for every committee—anytime you're going through a process, document it and pass it on; getting the new website up (mostly over winter break); continuing to act as a liaison between SAGE members and the department/administration (GRAsip process and standards—how is work allocated? More information on this is needed; making more clear the transition from GTAsip to lectureship to help people prepare for that switch); improving communication with Union (brief opportunity to meet with Katy Martin, union rep., after the next SAGE meeting, Oct. 7); make sure things going smoothly w/ move back to Wescoe. Lillvis then asked for volunteers to help rearrange the SAGE lab to make it more user-friendly; SAGE lab rearranging to be held Wednesday, September 9 at 3:30 p.m. Lillvis asked about computer updates—Bishop Simmons volunteers her husband (without his consent); reminder of the book sale coming up in the spring—SAGE will be calling for volunteers later in the semester.

Lillvis calls for any other suggestions or goals for this year—none put forth

b. Secretary's Report. No report.

c. Treasurer's Report. Our account currently holds \$416.46 in the treasury

d. FY Liaison Report. No report.

Committee Reports

a. Academics Anonymous. Conley mentions that they're interested in doing four Academics Anonymous meetings this year. First, Conley was contacted by Martinez—Misty Schieberle wanted to participate last year but there wasn't time; we should contact her to participate this year. Next, AA will ask B. Caminero-Santangelo and possibly Tidwell to present on interdisciplinary work related to science and literature. The third meeting will feature grad students at dissertation/thesis stage talking about their research. Finally, panel discussion with profs and grad students about using popular fiction or film as pedagogical tools.

b. Advisory Committee. Haven't met yet. Sept. 21 is the first meeting; N. Williams notes that they will be meeting less frequently this semester than in previous years in keeping with M. Caminero-Santangelo's new regime's emphasis on fewer meetings.

c. FSE Committee. No report. E. Williams says first meeting anticipated in September.

d. Graduate Assembly. No report. Topinka says the first meeting would be tonight.

e. Graduate Committee. No report. Jackson states the first meeting is set for Sept. 11.

f. GTAL Committee. E. Williams again mentions that a meeting will be arranged in Sept.

g. Lecturers/Readers Committee. Hume emailed: No report.

h. Library comm. No report. Behre states they have not met yet.

i. MFA Committee. No report.

j. Professionalization Workshops Committee. Kuckelman states that they've met with Conrad about the three workshops scheduled for this fall about job placement. They've decided to have one workshop this semester on "Community College and Adjuncting" and will talk to Jim Hartman about this and perhaps communicate with someone from Johnson County and other grad students who have taught in alternative environments. This will be held sometime in early November. There are two workshops slated for next semester, but the scheduling depends on the contacts' schedule. One will focus on non-academic jobs, and will be held either in February or April. The third meeting will be led by Ash about MFA students prepping for job market. Kuckelman also mentioned possibly working with converting CVs to resumes through the career center. Lillvis asks if we're soliciting teachers from community colleges to speak at the first workshop; Brox mentions her mother teaches at Johnson County and might have some connections (or could perhaps speak herself).

k. Public Face/Alumni Relations. Kuckelman says no report. Behre mentions that this committee has been inactive for the past few years, but that the university has been pushing for these committees to be more involved in fundraising.

l. SAGE Advice. Jackson thanks everyone who offered their input for the issue, and says it should be out by Friday or Monday.

m. Events Committee. Lillvis calls for a new volunteer, and Ortiz volunteers to be on the committee. Behre runs down the responsibilities of an events committee member. Conley reports that the history grad students are interested in planning the Wescoe mixer this year. Lillvis details the Wescoe Mixer for new students. Lillvis mentions first paycheck party; Kuckelman has docs about last year's first paycheck party that she'll pass along. Ortiz will replace Conley on the events committee.

n. Summer Institutes Committee. Egging emailed: No report

o. Supplemental Funds Committee. No response.

p. Webmaster. Thomas reports via e-mail that the website is in the process of being updated with SAGE picnic photos and photos of the new graduate students.

q. Sustainability Report. Brox mentions she plans to talk to Stonebrook about the Make a Difference Day in the fall. New recycling box needed in the SAGE lab, as the previous one has gone missing (recycled itself?). Brox also mentions needing recycling boxes in offices in general.

Old Business: None.

New Business: N Williams mentions the upcoming Gunn Memorial Lecture by China Mieville on Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m. in the Alderson Auditorium. Tigchelaar mentions an email from McMurray regarding the Writing Center's interest in promoting more creative writing undergraduate students visiting and working with the Center. Jackson asks if McMurray has been in contact with the 803 class.

Motion to adjourn: Behre moves, N. Williams seconds, approved

Meeting Adjourned.