



General Organization Meeting
Tuesday April 26th, 2016 5:00 PM
3117 Skinner Building

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome! – Introductions

In attendance: Annie Laurie, Becca, Nora, Meridith, Cameron, Jaclyn, Kim, Kyle, Lauren B.

II. Report from the Chair – Becca

- Met with Jess Enoch and Kristy Maddux beginning of March to talk about past happenings, future goals, archival conference has huge support from both of them!
- Bylaws document is a vision doc, which means we don't have to accomplish everything in there right now, but maybe focus on one-two big things for next year as main goals
 - Suggested Archival methods research conference
- Password for protected teaching guides on our website is paideiamaryland
- Ruth put together a course creation packet (currently being edited and will be available soon)
- Jaclyn & Becca working on UTLP project as resource for teaching and research/service
- Jaclyn made a great lesson plan in March about incorporating academic journals into undergraduate classes. Currently featured on our blog.
- The blog ultimately is a space to showcase what our members are doing. Becca encourages us to create more content
- Many future goals with potential monetary rewards to pursue: chapter award, grants
- Dues: Some still have not paid their dues. Our constitution says we can pay any number from \$1-\$10 but we are required to have dues by RSA.

III. Report from Officers

- a) Vice Chair – Annie Laurie
 - No report but made us an awesome logo!
- b) Secretary – Lauren B.
 - No report

- c) Treasurer - Meridith
 - \$232 in checking bank account with \$10 in savings account
 - No monthly fee thanks to the savings account
 - Earned \$63 profit from oatmeal breakfast fundraiser

- d) Webmaster - Jaclyn
 - Long term goal is for each committee to do two posts per semester on our blog
 - Plans to send out another prompt for blog posts
 - Suggestions: Meridith's writing support group, RSA conference
 - In order for your post to make it to the blog, two other members have to view post previously (usually Annie Laurie, Jaclyn, and/or Becca)
 - Our posts have spread to other campuses due to our relationships with departments at other universities

- e) Publicity Chair - Kim
 - Tried to connect with Anthropology students but unsuccessful thus far
 - Twitter page seems to be successful and we have "big name" followers so yay!

- f) English Representative - Ruth (sent in report)
 - Three graduate level rhetoric courses in English offered in Fall 2016
 - Plug for Ruth's course for Fall—look at Ruth's email for more info
 - Becca: If you haven't already, subscribe to the Rhetoric Listserv!

- g) Communication Representative – Megan
 - No report
 - Annie Laurie: Who is making list of communication classes for English department?
 - Nora: Kristy said she is waiting to be absolutely certain about courses being offered but hopefully will send 3 year plan soon

IV. Old Business

- a) Conferences Committee – Jaclyn/Megan (Archival Methods)
 - Archival Methods conference
 - Michelle received grant to be involved in archival research this summer, must mentor or teach grad students how to do archival research so possibility of working with her
 - Annie Laurie: If we want to be associated with Michelle's grant, we need to do this in fall

- Goal for conference is to do some workshop on etiquette for archival work, etc.
 - Followed by Saturday field trip to an archive
 - Charge \$10-15 fee and put up students so it is low cost
 - Provide food on Friday and then archives Saturday, and then late lunch
 - Pull on DC to market to others
 - Becca: Kristy and Jess suggested this conference could be similar to how Penn State is known for Camp Rhetoric, could be attached to our name in same way
 - Nora: Jane Donawerth's class had to visit local archives to get basics for archival research. We could combine all this information into a centralized document as a resource for multiple archival sites with general information
 - Becca: This could be supplemental to our event and permanently housed on our website
 - Jaclyn: We need to make a separate space available to those attending the conference other than our password protected website then
 - Jaclyn: Encourage rhetoric undergrads to attend, publicize in our own classes
 - Lauren: could we incorporate this into undergrad class assignments?
 - Jaclyn: Yes, but we need more members to do this
- b) Professional Development – Amanda (Reading Group)
- Annie Laurie: We had a successful reading group in March, the author talked about article we read. Ruth organized and it was great, maybe 10 in attendance. Plan to continue this in the future.
- c) Curriculum and Pedagogy – Ruth/Becca (Teaching Guides)
- Again, teaching guides on website, UNIV project, resources on website
- d) Undergraduate Rhetoric – Annie Laurie (ECA presentations, Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship Award)
- Annie Laurie: Held “what is rhetoric and cupcakes” event to inform undergrads about rhetoric minor, launched mentoring programing to help undergrads submit papers to conferences, started undergrad scholarship award and we are choosing winner now
 - Becca: We can expand award later, possible monetary reward as long term goal

e) Funding and Grants – Lauren H. and Devin (Pepsi Grant proposal, fundraiser, UMD Launch initiative)

- No report but...
- Becca: I did apply for Pepsi grant for us but haven't heard back yet. We should hear by end of April. There are also a ton of ARHU, GSG, RSA funding so this is a long term goal we can work on in the future. Also, looking into Alumni network "Launch." Type of crowdfunding through university alumni network. We need to explain what funds are going to and it goes through social media, could be used as a call for funding to help us travel (undergrad and grad students), Becca working on this as a summer proposal and all welcome to contribute.
- Jaclyn: Are we interested in t-shirts? Insight(?) program is linked to the university and we need to use them if we are using Maryland's name. It is similar to an online store but must order 12, could be around \$6-7. Could round up to nearest 5 to contribute to our bank account? Encourage us to brainstorm t-shirt ideas.
- AL: Could also give a t-shirt to undergrad award recipient too
- Nora: We could also make a separate t-shirt for the archival research conference

V. New Business:

a) 2016 Executive Board Election – Meridith

- Nominate yourselves!
- Most positions are still open
- Secretary, Treasurer, Communication Representative, chair of all committees but professional development need nominations
- Many have only volunteered for being in positions they already have
- Email Meridith with candidate statement if interested in a position
- Meridith is happy to be treasurer but needs an assistant to help train for once she is gone
- Becca: I'm going to send more emails about nominations
- Kyle: self-nominates for Secretary
- Nora: self nominates for Comm Rep.

b) Constitutional Amendment regarding reimbursement procedure – Meridith

- Proposed addition to bylines
- Becca: We didn't previously have a procedure for reimbursing members, any questions? Will send out ballot for this later
- Meridith: Could we have as an additional part of election?
- Becca: Ballot can only go to current members so we will figure it out later

c) Announcement of the 2016 Undergraduate Scholarship in Rhetoric Award

- Still deciding

VI. For the Good of the Order

- Thanks to Becca for all she did this year!

VII. HAPPY HOUR!