

General Organization Meeting

Tuesday October 11th, 2016 5:30 PM

3117 Skinner Building

In attendance: Becca Alt (Chair), Annie Laurie Nichols (Vice-Chair), Kyle Stephan (Secretary), Jaclyn Bruner (Webmaster), Nora Murphy.

Agenda

Chair’s report: Rebecca Alt

* Becca welcomes us to the meeting
* Becca sent [the executive] the strategic plan for Chelona RSA.
* One of the materials from the strategic plan is the Pedagogy Resource Page on the RSA Blog. This Resource page is open to members and we’d still like to build it up.

Pedagogy Resource: This is a part of the Strategic Plan

* + This comes from a graduate level course, Jaclyn Bruner and Becca Alt took, UNIV 798
  + The goal of UNIV 798 was to make a project and design a resource for teachers of rhetoric
  + Further Goals: write lesson plans in an area that you an expert in, and also share knowledge so other teachers can write and teach in areas you are not an expert in
    - This includes teacher goals, lesson plans, timed activities, etc.
    - This is different than blog posts related to lesson plans
    - There are resources, grouped by areas of rhetoric (categories)
    - These category tabs are on the members site and are pretty intuitive (you should check them out, I know I will).
    - So you can look at the different categories of rhetoric you are deficient in and try a lesson plan module from the website
    - Teaching rhetoric criticism, for example, you can see how different people teach different articles, films, and related discussions/activities
  + #squadGoals: showcase Lesson Plan you have already done! It would be real easy to add to UMD blog, just email Becca Alt or Jacyln Bruner
  + This resource is part of the protected material in the Chelona RSA chapter website

Events

We talked about creating an event to build the Pedagogy Resource Page

* We’ll probably have something like “Kick Ass” rhetoric event
* The best of the best rhetoric event
* “Working Title: Working Title” (so meta I know).

Event Description: Workshop - time for website lesson plans during Fall or Spring Semester

* Would help with GIFTS proposals and helping with teaching portfolios
* Would be like an OCP site for rhetoric folks
* We can also have a malleable Pedagogy Resource Page, and move around different items to suit lesson plans/move around categories
* Look at the work undergrads have done, in terms of pedagogy

Member Spotlight

* Becca is doing this, she’s awesome
* Becca has started with founding members—recruit more English people!
* English will be on the spotlight next

Officer Report: Annie Laurie’s Report

* First Meeting was September 20, discussed Rhetoric Society Quarterly 46:1
  + All faculty attended, Annie Laurie led discussion
* Second Meeting, discussed Rhetoric Society Quarterly 46:2
  + Two members attended, Annie Laurie led discussion
* Should for sure invite more people
  + English Rhetoric and COMM Rhetoric folks can both share their knowledge. The last journal had articles from both disciplines.
* Also, RSA will invite the Disability Reading Group
* Annie Laurie will commit to this throughout the academic year, so you all should come!
  + The structure is there! Also if you’re noticing a pattern, you can learn a lot from Annie Laurie, she’s smart!
* Next reading group meeting is November 15, at 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., 3117 Rhetoric Society Quarterly 46.3

Undergrad Mentors: Annie Laurie

* The project is to pair undergrads with Grad mentors to prep a paper for ECA, deadline Dec 10, 2016
  + Will be on the students to fill out a Google form
* Opening up to 300-400 level rhetoric classes
* RSA/Annie Laurie will send a recruitment this week
* **2 meetings** will be scheduled with undergrads (they’re so young, only two meetings, sigh): in **Novembe**r (a first pass through their topic), and early **December** (cleanup time for their writing).
* Had two students present at ECA last spring.
  + Also need funding to take students to ECA
* Outstanding Undergraduate Scholar Award—still in the pilot stage
  + Maybe it crashed and burned? But if we circulated it all year, including in December, and circulate the call widely, then it might work out better

Old Business

Terps Talk Politics

* We have flyers printed from SORC, and need some help distributing
* 48 people registered (!), including the presenters
  + FYI student orgs can print in SORC up to 100 dollars
* Need volunteers to help at the event as well as distributing Terp Talk flyers
  + They are such nice flyers!
* There are for sure other places we haven’t tried—*searches farmlands on campus for bulletin board*

General Involvement in the Chapter

* Should talk it up more in your classes and social settings
* Maybe having more community
* How can people feel more committed to the organization?
  + Facebook page joins you to the email page, as an update
  + Maybe solicit people through events, and have them sign up right then and there
  + Maybe digitize the work more, and become involved more directly digitally
    - Asking people to bring their voice to the blog
* Maybe being a bit more social: and when we orient our work goals, we should orient them around social goals
  + - * We should also laugh at Kyle’s notes, which in turn create a sense of communal bonding

New Business: Jaclyn

Upcoming Archival Conference

* Conference in the spring, we’ve had one meeting thus far: The purpose is to 1) provide some archival training, 2) an informational session about archival material and 3) an in person session about archival work in the city of Washington DC
* Working with Professor Michelle Murray Yang (COMM), who has some grant money for us (!)
* Aimed at graduate students on **and** off campus
* The goal is to have working groups
* Nora had to report on archives in a past class, and can share resources from her archival class
* The committee consists of Melissa, Jaclyn, Nora, Annie Laurie, and MMY
  + You’re invited also

Professor Michelle Murray Yang—grant

* Money to fulfill archival research with students
* So the goal is solicit on campus
* Also to open the application on CRTNET and other campuses
  + Penn State, Indiana, Illinois, etc want to come
* Could get money from ARHU and Graduate Student Government
* If we could get 25 people, we could get a huge win here!
* Maybe have a professor sponsor and lead the event
* Can possibly be an annual activity, especially because we are in DC
* Jess Eunuch and Kristy Maddux especially want to be in

For the good the order, Other Notes

* Nora wants to write a blog post
* Jaclyn and Annie Laurie wrote a brand policy, especially for the web
  + For instance, someone writes a blog post, and then at least two officers will review it
    - You can contact RSA further about the brand policy, but everyone/anyone is more than welcome to post on the blog!
  + Also, another person can suggest ideas: so another officer or member can piggy pack off of other people’s ideas
  + Annie Laurie, Jaclyn and Becca currently are the only voices, so yeah let’s step it up (I’m not throwing away, my, shot, yo).
* Jaclyn’s Polka Dot rhetorical education Blog, is the new name. JK
* It’s been fun. Also renew your memberships if you want to.

Notes submitted by Kyle Stephan, Secretary