Association of English Graduate Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2008

1. General Business
   a. GSO Social December 10th at Starbucks 4 – 5:30
   b. Thanks to Colleen Fenno for getting new computers in ASF lounge
   c. Formalize travel reimbursement instructions and add them to department website: Send AEGS Treasurer acceptance to conference via email for reimbursement
   d. Organizing panels and grad student conferences
   e. Spring Book Sale: April 17th in AMU; department book sale Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Thursday of that week

2. Individual updates
   a. Eric Dunnum, Vice President
      i. UPASS update: no go for this year; GSO will conduct another survey of graduate students next year
      ii. No one running for GSO president position this year; coordinator will become de facto president until next election in spring
      iii. Committee on Teaching
      iv. Provost ASF visit: modest improvement goals established to improve conditions at ASF
   b. Maggie McKinley, Liaison to GSC
      i. Send graduate student accomplishments (conference, paper published) to Dr. Ratcliffe and CC Deb for department newsletter (no longer need to send information to Maggie & Dr. Gillespie)
   c. Kelsey Squire, Liaison to FYE
      i. Changes to FYE Assistant Director teaching load
         1. Current: AD teaches 0 classes in fall and 1 class in spring
         2. Proposal: AD teaches 1 class in fall and 1 in spring AND teaches 1 class in fall and 1 in spring the year following directorship post to encourage progress toward dissertation
   d. Colleen Fenno, Liaison to PFF (and ASF maintenance liaison)
      i. Christmas gift for Randy
   e. Daniel Burke, Liaison to Faculty
      i. Highlights from recent Executive Committee meeting minutes:
         1. Second semester courses enrolling well
         2. Elimination of MW-only classes under review
         3. Proposal for additional TA positions
         4. Derek Blemberg updating and managing Web page next semester
         a. AEGS request: include where faculty went to school
   f. Emily Blaser, Liaison to PhDs
      i. Contacting PhDs about study groups
   g. Tom Massnick, Liaison to Second-Year MAs
i. Trying shorter, more frequent study group meetings next semester to prepare for MA exam

h. Kathleen Burt, Liaison to First-Year MAs
   i. No new updates from first-year MAs

i. Buddy Storm, Public Relations and Treasurer
   i. Christmas party 7 – 10 on Saturday, December 13th