

## Association of English Graduate Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2008

### 1. General Business

- a. GSO Social December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>