

Association of English Graduate Students Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2009

1. General Business

- a. Spring end-of-semester party: tentative, unofficial date is April 30th at 2:00
- b. French 204 offered this summer if enough graduate students interested (especially any 2nd year MA students who may be considering entering the doctoral program here)
- c. Spring Book Sale is April 17th in AMU
 - i. Books needed! Donated books will be stored in the ASF 3rd floor lounge
 - ii. Consider having another book sale off campus
- d. Enthusiastic congratulations to new fathers Dan Burke and John Malloy. Dan and his wife welcomed son Louis Haruki. John and his wife, Connie, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Hannah Marie, on February 3rd.

2. Individual updates

- a. Eric Dunnum, Vice President
 - i. GSO meeting notes:
 1. Health insurance being considered for graduate student employees (RAs, TAs, etc.)
 2. Graduate student bill of rights and responsibilities being drafted
 3. New mission statement for graduate students currently being drafted by university administration
- b. Maggie McKinley, Liaison to GSC
 - i. Thank you to graduate students for feedback on ENGL 282 offering; no decision has been announced yet on whether to offer the course every year or every other year
- c. Kelsey Squire, Liaison to FYE
 - i. Next meeting is February 19th
- d. Colleen Fenno, Liaison to PFF (and ASF maintenance liaison)
 - i. Faculty speakers update: asking recent MU grads to speak to current graduate students; checking availability for Thursdays at 5:45 in March
 - ii. PFF requirement #3: You must have the same faculty member observe you twice. If the same person is unavailable to return for a second observation, ask the PFF coordinator for permission to have a different faculty member perform the second observation.
- e. Daniel Burke, Liaison to Faculty
 - i. New time blocks for classes will go ahead next year: classes will start on the hour and half hour
 - ii. Faculty recently held a retreat to discuss the graduate program and produced a number of suggestions currently being implemented.
 - iii. Graduate English web pages have been revised to better articulate procedural. This includes rubrics now available for the MA exam grading and evaluation of DQE performance.

- f. Emily Blaser, Liaison to PhDs
 - i. Gauging interest on small writing groups for dissertation
 - ii. Any interest in a service project this spring?
- g. Tom Massnick, Liaison to Second-Year MAs
 - i. Access to SharePoint: Second-Years currently have access; First-Years to be added soon
- h. Kathleen Burt, Liaison to First-Year MAs
 - i. Reminder sent to all First-Years to renew financial aid request for next academic year
- i. Buddy Storm, Public Relations and Treasurer
 - i. \$189.68 in miscellaneous funds
 - ii. \$1307.11 in conference funds
 - iii. Subcommittee on financial state of AEGS: Buddy Storm, Kelsey Squire, Emily Blaser, and Emily Blanchard
 - iv. Spring book sale assignments?