

## **AEGS minutes from April 11, 2008**

### **Members in Attendance:**

Steven Hackbarth, Mark Zunac, Shaunna Wilkinson, Kelsey Squire, Daniel Burke, Buddy Storm, John Malloy, Colleen Fenno, Leah Stegman, Sarah Nestor, Maggie McKinley  
Absent: Eric Dunnum

### **I. New Business**

- Many thanks are in order after the success of the book sale. Thanks again to Professors Machan and Blair and to all others who donated items for the book sale. Thanks to all volunteers who made the book sale possible. Thank you to Sandy for all her assistance throughout the fundraiser. Thanks to all who purchased books.
- Congratulations to Meg Muthupandiyam, who successfully defended her dissertation.
- Congratulations to the students who passed the recent MA exam.
- Thanks to all who helped with the recent INCS conference on campus.
- The next AEGS social hour will be held on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm.
- Nomination forms for AEGS positions have been distributed to graduate student mailboxes, and the forms were due to Steve Hackbarth's mailbox by 3 pm Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- AEGS Board members should submit their position summaries if they haven't done so.
- The AEGS discussed goals for next year's Executive Board and identified the following goals: pursuing registration issues, holding another focused book sale, the PhD Teaching Cooperative, creating a Ph.D. handbook for current and incoming students, that the organization of fall English party start in the spring, organizing panels to submit at Midwest conferences, and compile a list of graduate student accomplishments to possibly post on AEGS website.
- Discussed conference fund and unanimously voted to increase funds available to graduate students from \$100 to \$150 per-year.
- If you have any news about AEGS business that you find out between this meeting and the end of your term, please forward it to Steve for inclusion in the end-of-year report.

### **I. Officer/Liaison Reports**

#### **A. Mark Zunac, Vice President**

1. The AEGS sponsored a book sale for graduate students and professors in the English Department conference room on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The book sale raised \$277.00.
2. The AEGS will hold a general book sale on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 2 pm in Cudahy's lobby.

#### **B. Sarah Nestor, Secretary**

#### **C. Buddy Storm, Treasurer**

1. Treasury Balances: \$1807.11 Conference Funds, \$543.69 Petty Cash
2. Discussed t-shirt designs and voted to approve ringer t-shirt design.

**D. Kelsey Squire, Liaison to Graduate Studies Committee**

1. Reported on GSC meeting and updated the AEGS on the status of new student applicants.
2. Reported on Dr. Blair's comparison study of PhD programs. Dr. Blair's Comparative Analysis of Graduate Students found that Marquette's English program is on par with most other programs and that the program is ranked on the website [www.phds.org](http://www.phds.org).

**E. Eric Dunnun, Liaison to FYE**

1. Steve reported that he would represent the AEGS at the April 11 FYEC meeting.

**F. John Malloy, Liaison to Faculty**

1. Reported that the M/MLA panel was accepted.
2. The next faculty meeting is scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**G. Colleen Fenno, Liaison to Preparing Future Faculty**

1. Reported that there will be a new PFF coordinator next year.
2. Clarified that there is not a PFF executive board, only the Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning and the PFF Coordinator. It states in the AEGS constitution that the PFF liaison should be on the PFF board but one does not currently exist.

**H. Daniel Burke, Liaison to Ph.D. Students**

1. The Cooperative Teaching Proposal is awaiting consideration by the English Executive Committee.
2. AEGS members collectively brainstormed potential projects for future Ph.D. liaisons. These include: DQE study groups, information about fellowships, conference practice, dissertation writing groups, a Ph.D. handbook, theory workshops and Ph.D. socials (these socials may be focused on specific issues such as DQEs, conferences, etc.).

**I. Leah Stegman, Liaison to 2<sup>nd</sup> Year M.A. Students**

1. Reported that six students passed the M.A. exam.

**J. Shaunna Wilkinson, Liaison to 1<sup>st</sup> Year M.A. Students**

1. Reported that M.A. exam study groups meet this semester but that the study groups will not resume meeting until this summer.

**K. Maggie McKinley, Public Relations**

1. Reported plans to distribute *English News* and thanked those who contributed to the newsletter.
2. Reported that invitations had been sent for the end-of-year party that will be held in the department on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. Volunteers will be needed to help setup and cleanup for the party.