

AEGS minutes from September 25, 2007

Members in Attendance:

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

I. New Business

- The AEGS congratulates Denna Iammarino, who has passed her DQE.
- The AEGS extends thanks to all who volunteered for setup or cleanup for the luncheon that followed the Fall FYE staff meeting. We also extend thanks to all who volunteered and to all who brought food and beverages to the Beginning-of-the-Year Party. Once again, we extend sincere thanks to Drs. Paula and Michael Patrick Gillespie for hosting the Beginning-of-the-Year Party at their home.
- We extend thanks to Professor C.J. Hribal for agreeing to host this year's department Christmas party, which the board voted to hold Saturday, December 15th.
- The AEGS welcomes the newest members of the board, Secretary Sarah Nestor, Treasurer Buddy Storm and Liaison to First-Year M.A. Students Shaunna Wilkinson.
- The Board decided to hold its next meeting on October 30th at 8 a.m. The November meeting will be held on the 27th at 8 a.m.
- The Board voted to hold the next graduate student social hour on Friday, October 5th at 2 p.m. in the ASF.
- The Board discussed conference fund limits and the possibility of examining other avenues for funding, such as the graduate school. As of now, the AEGS limits the amount students can receive for conference costs at \$100.

II. Officer/Liaison Reports

A. Mark Zunac, Vice President

1. Discussed different options for selling books donated by Dr. Machan and the best possible option for receiving the fairest prices. Discussed a three-tier plan: 1) Invite professional college book-buyers for a "preview" sale; 2) Hold a faculty/grad student sale pushing the more expensive, hardcover books; 3) in the spring, have a general sale on campus with different tables set up from high to low priced books

B. Sarah Nestor, Secretary

C. Buddy Storm, Treasurer

1. Discussed possible fundraising events and finding opportunities to market to FYE students.
2. Treasury balances: \$135.50 Petty Cash, \$2412.11 Conference Funds

D. Kelsey Squire, Liaison to Graduate Students Committee

1. Announced that the first GSC meeting will be October 3rd.

E. Eric Dunnun, Liaison to FYE

1. Will be meeting with Rebecca Parker Fedewa, FYE Assistant, and VOICE representative about incorporating VOICE issues into Unit 3. A VOICE/RC1 task force is meeting this Friday at 1:30 p.m.

F. John Malloy, Liaison to Faculty

1. Awaiting announcement of meeting that will be held this semester, but has been informally talking to professors about expectations and what they hope graduate students will take from Marquette and in to their career.

G. Colleen Fenno, Liaison to Preparing Future Faculty

1. Reported that the PFF coordinator has set dates for a primer course this fall that graduate students can attend to develop an online teaching portfolio. The seminars will be held in Lalumiere 198 from 1-2 p.m. on the following dates: Sept. 27th, October 4th, October 11th, October 25th, November 1st, November 8th, November 15th, November 29th and December 6th.

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

1. Investigating opportunities for Ph.D. students to be able to teach literature courses and/or create literature courses. A possibility is to create a standard year-by-year form to submit to department chair so that when an instructor replacement is needed they can turn to list and find a Ph.D. student to teach, which would give Ph.D. students the opportunity to teach a literature course.
2. Another option is to create an opportunity for Ph.D. students team teach a literature course with their advisor or possible another professor, which would initially be un-funded, but would be for personal development.

I. Leah Stegman, Liaison to 2nd Year M.A. Students

1. Discussed organizing M.A. study groups.

J. Shaunna Wilkinson, Liaison to 1st Year M.A. Students

K. Maggie McKinley, Public Relations

1. Working on finishing first newsletter of the semester. There will be another newsletter this semester. Please contact Maggie with any announcements or suggestions for information to be included in newsletters.