

GEA Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
2 PM  
Troy Moore Library

Members Present: Shari Arnold, Jen Carter, Brittny Byrom, Carlye Schock

New Business:

1. Lost Southern Voices Conference

Call for volunteers. Conference is scheduled for April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, at Georgia Center for the Book (Decatur) and the Clarkston Campus respectively. Need volunteers for set-up, welcome table, transportation (airport rides/pickups for guests). [Contact—awright73@gsu.edu](mailto:awright73@gsu.edu) with desired time slot and desired volunteer activity. Open to graduate students and responsible undergrads, both from the English department and other interested departments. Copies of schedule available (Shari). For more information, see the website or Lost Southern Voices Instagram (Revival LSV).

Old Business:

1. Co-Teaching/Upper Level Course Teaching Opportunities for GTAs

Shari spoke to Dr. Gaillet and the next step is to form a committee of students and professors to discuss options, with an end goal of putting something in place possibly for next Fall. Also would like more clarity for the process of being offered upper level classes (in all specializations).

2. Mentoring Program

Feedback from faculty—program needs to be more geared towards undergrads that are not necessarily headed to graduate school. Shari will circulate our initial proposal the week before Spring Break for feedback. Looking into the possibility of earning GTA mentoring session credit for participation in the program.

3. GEA Fellowship Lunch and Learn

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:30. Will try to collaborate with another related department, or keep it a closed event. Will use a digital evite system linked with the University and require an RSVP. Will offer lunch: \$200-300 budget; will explore deli-style options for catering.

4. Revising Bylaws

Shari will circulate the current bylaws as a shared Google doc. Before our collective term is over, we would like to update 1) the main function of each role; 2) the official rules of reimbursement.

5. Book Sale

Scheduled for Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, tentatively 9:30 am – 2:00. Will explore a possible collaboration with the Writing Studio. Will also provide information on the English department and English major. Carlye will coordinate.

6. Ex Post Facto

Will be scheduled for 6 PM, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Brittny is looking into two locations: Twain's or Argosy's. Will use the funds from the fall book sale and the spring book sale to finance food. Will also invite alumni in connection with Dr. Kocela's department event/non-academic career alumni roundtable (plan for 40-50 people).

7. Elections

Jen is in charge of the election process. Will send out the call for nominations on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The voting form will be distributed on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and voting ends on the 26<sup>th</sup>.