

Minutes/ EGO Meeting/01-22-08

Curriculum Changes

*There is a meeting about the new curriculum at 12pm tomorrow (01/23) in SI 014

*major changes are as follows:

there will be no language requirement

there will be no seminar option, but an exam instead

*curriculum changes will not effect those of us graduating in 2009 unless we elect to sign onto the new program

Conferences and Journal Submissions

*Information about the IPA conference coming up on April 11th and 12th can be found posted on Joe Weinberg's Office Door (almost ANYTHING you have ever written for academia is possible presentation material for this conference)

*The WIU Women's Center is calling for submissions for the first publication of the *Women's Voices Journal*. Submissions are due January 29/08. More information at womenscenter@wiu.edu

Awards

*Research awards to apply for include Departmental Awards, the Mahoney Award, and the School of Graduate Studies Award

*Remember to attend the workshop on award applications on Tuesday, February 5 at 4pm in the student lounge in Simpkins.

Volunteering

Opportunities to Volunteer with other Ego members include:

Spoon River College Volunteering (1 hr per week)

Macomb Library Volunteering (1hr per week)

Habitat for Humanity on Saturday mornings 8am-12pm

Contact Emily Brackman for more information.

Fundraising

EGO is participating in Project Kopeg, which is an effort to collect and recycle e-waste. The goal is to collect 30 pieces of e-waste. Items to collect include old cellphones, ipods, tvs, computers and printer cartridges. More information can be found at www.projectkopeg.com

Conference Next November!

We need to be thinking about our topic for next year's conference. WIU's theme for 2008-2009 is Health and Wellness. Since we want to co-ordinate our conference with the large theme for the University, we need a literary topic that is tied to Health and Wellness. Ideas so far:

*disability studies in literature

*perceptions of the body and literature

*literature and spiritual wellness

Last but not least:

Professor Chris Morrow is our new Faculty Advisor!!!