

EGO Minutes

September 25, 2007

12 members attended

Conferences

- Check the EGO website for new CFPs. If you find any conferences that look interesting, send the CFP to Joe, and he will post them on the website.
- October 1 is the abstract due date for the EGO conference.
- Anyone who is interested in writing reviews of local restaurants should send their articles to Joe. He will post these reviews on the website, so travelers to the EGO conference will know which restaurants are the best or worst in Macomb.

T-Shirts

- The price for T-shirts is \$5.50. If you have not paid for your shirt yet, make sure to give Bridgette your money by Friday, September 28.

Fund Raising

- Joe suggested that EGO should begin investing money into a university endowment fund. This would give future EGO members money for traveling to conferences and could pay for journal subscriptions.
- If you have any fund raising ideas, please e-mail Joe, Bridgette, or Holly. Current ideas include having a bake sale and selling bottled water at sporting events.

Graduate Committee Report

- The Committee is considering eliminating the two-seminar option for graduate students. Instead, it favors requiring students to take a midpoint exam and complete a capstone project.
- The language requirement may be revised as well. Likely, students will be able to demonstrate reading proficiency in a natural or artificial language. English 512 or 513 also satisfies the language requirement.
- The Committee is interested in possibly reducing the workload for TAs to 2-1 or 1-1. This, however, could only be done if two new, full-time instructors were hired. (for 1-1. just one needed for 2-1)

Writing Faculty Committee Report

- Remember to turn in your *Western Voices* survey to Dr. Jacque Wilson-Jordan as soon as possible.

Social Events

- The English Department will be having a party at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 6 at Bradley's house. It will involve beer and (probably)fried turkey.