

EGO minutes
January 25, 2006

Attendees: Sarah, Shane, Julie, Chrissie, Kelly, Lindsay, April, Dave, Jenn, Julie, Kate, Joe Weinberg (new), Chris B.

Kate introduced herself as new President, Julie as VP, and Sarah as secretary/treasurer. She asked if anyone had any old business to attend to and no one did.

Website: Jenn handed out "Who are you?" forms to everyone to fill out. She would like to post blurbs about the members of EGO on the website. She asked for them back by the next meeting. She is going to meet with Prof. Dilger to get the website stuff going and hopes to have a prototype to show us by the next meeting as well.

Fundraising: Lindsay Miller has agreed to be on the committee as a new member. When asked why we need money and what for, people had concerns about having money for the conference. We mentioned that there were various ways to get money from the university, but people were still concerned because they want to get a good speaker. Having a low-key event (ex. a bake sale) was discussed for this semester instead of the big trivia event. Shane is still talking with Kate about this.

Creative Writing Event: Sarah spoke about her ideas on this. There were no objections to having this be on April 1 or in the form of workshops. There were no objections to this being open to undergrads and grads in all departments of the university. It was decided that we would like to get professors involved on panels. Chris B. volunteered to be a moderator for the screenwriting genre. Joe Weinberg (new member) volunteered to moderate poetry. (Note: After the EGO meeting, the creative writing committee met and planning is well on its way.)

Academic Conference: Dave spoke about this. He said that he will talk to Prof. Dilger about getting money for a speaker. He is asking for theme suggestions up until the next meeting, where we will vote on them. He said that the ideas they have so far are global literacy, personal identity, and diverse forms of textuality. He said that his goal for the conference is to forward the discipline and not talk about "old" topics.

Report from Grad Committee: Dave was present at the first grad. committee meeting and the next one will be Feb. 22. He reported that they are discussing the program goals and planning for the future. They discussed changing the program from 33 to 30 hours, guidelines for a fellowship, adding the G status to some classes, and if 512 will be a required class or not. Dave asked for people's opinions on this so he could report back. There seemed to be fairly mixed views, and some people thought having a foreign language requirement would be more beneficial. Dave also said that the dean will be doing a study of G.A.'s and T.A.'s this semester and there will be a survey to see how overworked they are. He emphasized that they are not trying to cut jobs.

Kate asked if the meeting time worked for everyone and there didn't seem to be any

objections. The meeting was moved to be adjourned and the next meeting will be in 2 weeks.