

EAPSU: Spring Undergraduate Conference. March 13, 2014

Minutes

Present: Laurie Cella, Margo Wilson, John Ronan, Bob Crafton.

Meeting called to order at 10:25 am. Ronan moved to approve the Fall 2013 minutes. Cella seconded the motion. The motion passed. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ronan presented the Treasurer's report. Ronan reported that 6 universities have contributed their dues. A few still have not. Crafton moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Wilson seconded the motion. The treasurer's report was approved.

Vice President's Report: The webmaster's report was saved until a later meeting because Mike Downing was unable to attend.

**Spring Conference: John Branscum reported on the Spring Undergraduate conference, hosted by IUP. Approximately 140 people were in attendance. The conference cost approximately \$3,100 to host and the registration fees brought in about \$1,700. The Poetry Spoken Word Contest and the Bands were a big draw for undergraduates, Branscum said. Wilson said the EAPSU Undergraduate Poetry Contest also generated a lot of enthusiasm and attracted students who otherwise wouldn't have attended.** Crafton suggested that the conference needs to be moved to a later date in the spring, potentially April. The weather is still a problem for travelers in March. Wilson will let Downing know that we need to encourage Millersville to host in April.

Poetry Contest: Wilson reported on the Spring 2014 Poetry Contest. We had 20 students submit and we accepted 18 of those students. There were 9 judges from across the PASSHE campuses. Judges accepted 1-3 from each student. The system seemed to work well. We will run it this way again next year.

EAPSU Online: Wilson reported that EAPSU online is just about to publish the 2013 edition. We raised concern that the editors may feel overburdened by the task of editing the journal. Wilson will contact them and give them first right of refusal. If the current editors want to step down, we will look for new editors. **If they want to continue, we will explore other avenues to help them out, including advertising for a student intern who might be able to help with formatting.**

**Wilson raised the question that EAPSU co-editor Jeffrey Hotz asked to be added to the agenda: Should we publish the winning poets in EAPSU online?** We discussed and agreed yes.

Ronan moved to publish in the journal as long as we indicate that EAPSU sponsors an annual poetry contest and that these are the winners. Crafton seconded the motion.

Wilson announced that California University of Pennsylvania will host the Fall EAPSU conference on October 3-4, 2014. The theme will be “Come Together: Creativity in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century **in English Studies.**” We discussed a good deadline for the CFP – August 15, and then Sept 1 as a firm deadline.

Wilson then mentioned that Millersville will host the next Spring conference (2015) and Slippery Rock will host the Fall conference (2015). We will need hosts for 2016 and '17. Crafton suggested that we move to more central PA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurie Cella