

AGENDA: 2/14 ESA MEETING

- **External Review / Exec Meeting**
 - Overview of findings and report from the External Reviewers. This was sent out to all student by Eric Lott.
 - There will be a follow up response from the reviewers to our response.
- **Diversity and Admissions**
 - Carmen Kynard's blog post (<http://carmenkynard.org/on-graduate-admissions-and-whiteness-a-love-letter-to-black-brown-queer-doctoral-students-out-there-everywhere/>)
 - What should our set of values should be when we're ranking PEF candidates?
 - Concerns about ways to allow students to meaningfully self-identify on their applications.
 - Executive Committee response to the blog post.
 - Considering reversing the review process so that applications go through a round of review in their specialization fields first before advancing to a whole-group review process.
 - Possibility of part-time/unfunded students.
 - Should admissions committee meet again in light of numerous recommendations being made by students and faculty? (This would allow them to send a formal recommendation to the Executive Committee). There's also a subcommittee forming to revisit the admissions review process based on the discussion that place during that meeting.
 - Diversity Committee Recommendations (provided by Kandice Chuh).
- **Conference**
 - Deadline for abstracts extended to Feb. 28.
 - Low CUNY/English Department turnout.
 - One-day conference, April 12.
 - Keynotes: Michelle Wright (Emory University) and Rafael Walker (Baruch).
- **Recruitment**
 - Recruitment met on February 8th and discussed organizing plans for the March 15th Open House for Admitted and Waitlisted Candidates.
 - We're compiling information of students who are willing to be contacted by admitted/waitlisted individuals.
 - Daniel is working to coordinate housing arrangements to people who're coming in from elsewhere. Are there volunteers within ESA to offer a spare mattress?
 - Aiming for a big turnout of current students so we can have representatives from all our interdisciplinary approaches.
- **Profile Campaign and Other Website Updates (New Student Publications Widget)**
 - We are aiming to finish cleaning up the website before the prospective student event in March so that we can (proudly) draw their attention to the ESA website and student profiles.
 - Re-launch student publications form on website.

- **Friday Forum**
 - When can we begin the process of seeking proposals for Fall 2019, especially in light of the upcoming change in EO?
 - How might we continue our efforts to boost FF attendance among students AND faculty? (Open letter idea).
- **Alumni Fundraising**
 - There is \$330 left over for travel grants, we are going to distribute them in travel grants (four \$80 grants chosen by raffle). These will be non-competitive, offered on a lottery basis.
- **Elections**
 - ESA elections for the 2019-2020 academic year are right around the corner. Please begin considering nominations!