

AGENDA PREVIEW FOR 9/24 ESA MEETING

MONDAY, 12:00 PM IN ROOM 5489

- Thank you for everyone's efforts so far!
- Upcoming **Recruitment** event.
 - Update from Recruitment Committee
 - Is further assistance needed?
- Updating student profiles on **Website**
 - Aiming to link profiles to main program webpage (recruitment and building a viable online presence).
 - Distribute campaign handouts
 - What is the role of the website in the ESA?
- Continued conversation about the **Portfolio Exam**
 - Faculty continue to address concerns (from both faculty and students) about the exam. How might the ESA (Editorial Committee? Curriculum Committee?) solicit and compile the thoughts of second year students who recently submitted?
 - Concerns about relevance of the exam to Comp/Rhet students in the program.
 - Info from Stefano & Christina email chain to Mario:
 - Editorial -- compiling a "Guide to Portfolio Exam"
 - Curriculum -- Including language about what makes a "successful" vs "non-successful" essay.
 - Website -- Making the samples more accessible on the Commons site
- Concerns about **Departmental Culture** among students. Why do people drop out or feel not welcome?
 - Certain students feel ostracized.
 - Please come talk to us (Jacob and Filipa) if you feel uncomfortable, left out, or in any way concerned with the culture/conduct of program members.
 - How can we make the Lounge a more welcoming space? Need suggestions.
 - How can we build a better community?
- Updates on the **Lounge Revitalization** project.
 - Stefano doing awesome stuff.
- Concerns about **Diversity** in the program.
 - What are reasonable goals and tasks that we can begin to take through our Diversity Committee?
- **Faculty membership and hiring.**
 - Faculty Hiring and Recruitment committees need to be talking. We ought to schedule a joint meeting in order to discuss diversity, how to maintain non-traditional students.
 - Faculty attrition has been staggeringly high.
 - We have been authorized to begin a search to replace Reid-Pharr.
- Other lingering matters and questions.