



**MARCH ESA MEETING**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

6:30 PM in the English Lounge (4406)

(Pizza provided by the ESA using DSC funds)

**6:30 PM - 6:45 PM Fellowship and mingling**

**6:45 PM - 7:00 PM Co-Chair updates and announcements**

- Exec Committee meeting on 2/28: Notes [Here](#)
- Meeting w/ Kandice regarding Admissions
  - Productive - she is open to questions directly and wants to hear from students
  - Concessions/ideas Kandice is open to institutionalizing
    - a Fall Steering Meeting w/ Siraj and maybe Kandice about the Admissions progress for the next step
    - confirmation that she'll make it clear that cluster/interest is more directly considered when assigning students applicants
    - A discussion (possibly at that meeting) about how various members read applications
    - a clearer timeline of duties for the incoming admissions class
    - 2-3 more student members of admissions (total of 7-8, max 10)
    - Kandice follow-up email said she'd be open to the ESA bringing something like the diversity statement up to Exec in the coming months, but we need to draft a statement

- Meeting w/ Nancy about the Student Rep model
  - Need to shift to a year-based not level based model for FERPA reasons, Nancy can't give us lists organized that way
  - Instead - grouping students by Year 1-2, 3-4, 5, and 6+
  - Wants to do a scavenger hunt in the building of various important offices and places for Orientation - maybe a Peer Mentoring activity?
- April 24th FF - open meeting on admissions and Mentorship
- Constitution Vote - Approving Constitutional changes from last meeting + above changes
  - Constitution found [here](#)
- Elections - they are a coming!
  - Discussion from last meeting about convergence of Website and Editorial Committees
  - The Alumni Committee has collected valuable and (apparently) detailed accountings of interview questions they encountered when going onto the job market; this is a good example of how consolidating or otherwise rethinking the relationship between the Website and Editorial Committees

**7:00 PM - 7:30 PM Committee updates**

| <b><i>Committee</i></b> | <b><i>Members</i></b>  | <b><i>Updates</i></b>   |
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| Admissions              | Chris Carpenter<br>Sharanya Dutta<br>Christian Lewis<br>Emily Price<br>Sophie<br>Riemenschneider |   |
| Alumni                  | Stefano Morello<br>Queenie Sukhadia  |   |
| Co-Chair                | William Arguelles<br>Genevieve Bettendorf<br>Christina Katopodis                                 | see above   |
| Conference              | Jessica Lugo<br>Jesse Rice-Evans   | Sent out updates about day-of volunteer responsibilities; could use a couple more folks for day-of support! Program forthcoming this week (hopefully) |

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| Course Assessment  | Onur Ayaz<br>Sharanya Dutta<br>Beth Sherman<br>Olivia Wood   | Assessment compiling due to Nancy/Kent March 9  |
| Curriculum         | Michele Chinitz<br>Eric Dean Wilson  | Nothing new to share.   |
| Diversity          | Jacob Aplaca<br>Shoumik Bhattacharya<br>Filipa Calado<br>Miranda Hajduk<br>Daniel Hengel<br>Jessica Lugo |   |
| Editorial          | Miranda Hajduk<br>Queenie Sukhadia<br>Eric Dean Wilson<br>Olivia Wood                                    | No updates  |
| Elections          | Bradley Nelson   | Gearing up for elections. I'd love to poll the ESA for timing recommendations. Last year, we sent the Google doc right before spring break (3/31). I've tentatively set a deadline for 3/27, which gives us enough time to wrap up before break (4/8-4/16). |
| Executive          | Jacob Aplaca<br>Filipa Calado  | see above   |
| Faculty Membership | Shoumik Bhattacharya<br>Stefano Morello  | No updates, Faculty membership hasn't met in February.  |
| Friday Forum       | Chris Carpenter<br>Jason Nielsen   | No updates.   |

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| Library/<br>Lounge | Onur Ayaz<br>Stefano Morello                   | We no longer have any sticker! We itemized the dictionaries and what we have is: German and French. Stefano had donated an Italian and a Spanish dictionary to the library but have disappeared since. Do we want to re-buy them, or do we think people are just gonna jack these too? If so, what other language makes sense buying? |
| Placement          | Bradley Nelson<br>Mikey Rumore<br>Robert Yates | no updates  |
| Recruitment        | Daniel Hengel<br>Maxine Krenzel                |   |
| Website            | Jojo Karlin                                    |   |

### 7:30 PM - 7:45 PM Other business?

#### Notes on above matters:

- Jacob: odd that Executive Committee hasn't yet discussed Admissions Committee matters
- Gen: Interim DEO appointment - is this possible? What do the By-Laws say?
- Jacob: for representatives next year, maybe have a norming (read: communal reading) session with faculty
  - Christian anticipates an issue: possible vehement objection because "a yes is not a yes for all of us"
  - Will anticipates a useful reply: "these are students we've accepted, so let's think about why we've accepted them"
  - Michele anticipates another issue: "norms" that emerge from the norming session might be skewed to a certain subgroup of (quasi?-)-activist readers who affect the "norm"
- Michele raises potential objection to adding keywords/cluster words to Admissions nominees who will appear on AY 2020-21 ballot this spring
  - Bradley won't be at the next meeting
  - Potential process: wouldn't ask keywords/cluster words from nominees unless/until they accept, then would add the keywords/cluster words to ballot
- Bradley on timing:

- 1 week open for nominations [distribute Fri 4/17]
- 1 week to notify nominees and ask yes/no [distribute Fri 4/24]
- 1 week for ballot to be live [distribute Fri 5/1]

Motions and votes:

- Motion advanced to postpone voting on proposed changes to governance documents
  - Not seconded
- Motion advanced to vote on proposed changes to governance document
  - Motion seconded
- Vote to adopt proposed changes to governance document:
  - 1 abstention, 5 affirmatives [passed unanimously]

Members present:

Michele Chinitz  
Christian Lewis  
Will Arguelles  
Gen Bettendorf  
Bradley Nelson  
Jacob Aplaca