



### ESA MEETING #3

Thursday, November 12, 2020, @ 2:00 PM–4:00 PM via Zoom

<https://tinyurl.com/ESAmtg3> (PW: 780852)<sup>1</sup>

2:00 PM–2:15 PM Fellowship and mingling

2:15 PM–2:30 PM Co-Chair updates and announcements

1. Join the ESA's new Discord server! Use this link: <https://discord.gg/VUw8Mgb>
2. Motion to open 1-month discussion period to consider the following (minor) updates to our Constitution and Bylaws. View the proposed changes [here](#). The main changes are:
  - a. Updating “DSC” to “DGSC” and “Doctoral Students’ Council” to “Doctoral and Graduate Students’ Council” to reflect Spring 2020 updates to organization’s name;
  - b. Addition of bullet point to list of Co-Chair duties to reflect duty to update list of names and email addresses for current students in accordance with stipulations from Nancy regarding FERPA guidelines;

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<sup>1</sup> Here's the full invitation:

*Topic: ESA Meeting 3*

*Time: Nov 12, 2020 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

*Join Zoom Meeting:*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/79888775039?pwd=U3FwSlpVNEp6RlVBRmoyY01VY1hPQT09>

*Meeting ID: 798 8877 5039*

*Passcode: 780852*

- c. Added a section, Article VII, to the Constitution on the Election Process, basically explaining what the “Election Process” is and codifying the election process for future committees;
  - d. Added some clarifying language for the Representative Outreach committee’s mission
3. Request from Kandice for draft questionnaire surveying student needs w/r/t faculty membership and new hires
- a. Discussion item: Any specific questions we’d like to see on such a survey? [Here](#) is the current version of it (GB’s sense is that KC will likely go broad, though she has asked us for input)
  - b. Fast facts:
    - i. 20-member decrease over past decade (mid-30s in 2020 down from c. 50 in 2010)
    - ii. Comparable decreases in cohort sizes (down to 20 fully-funded positions in 2017 cycle; down again to 16 in 2021)
    - iii. Kandice especially interested in students’ read on “emerging fields and discourses, and definitely regarding their experiences in constituting exam and dissertation committees” (“Other contexts include the fact that it’ll be a good long while before we get another central line appointment.”)
4. Additional budget allocation (\$1,630 instead of expected \$815)
5. Revels Planning!

2:30 PM–3:00 PM      Committee updates

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Updates</b>
Admissions and Financial Aid	Onur Ayaz Sharanya Dutta Daniel Hengel Christian Lewis Emily Price Nik Valdez Michell Wilson Dhipinder Walia	No updates  (CL asked Siraj to move the time of our admissions meeting on 11/20 because of the WAC meeting, but he has not responded) *11/12 Siraj sent out an email with alternate times for 11/20 but not sure where that’s at
Alumni and Fundraising	Sukie Kim Stefano Morello Queenie Sukhadia Robert Yates	No updates

Co-Chair	Will Arguelles Genevieve Bettendorf Olivia Wood	
Conference Operations		
Conference Steering	Miranda Hajduk Emily Price	No significant updates - got a keynote, waiting on proposal submissions, beginning to build conference website. Got some logos that are pretty cool we are choosing from that Zach made!
Course Assessment	Onur Ayaz Cary Fitzgerald Cassandra Murray Tim Dalton	We have had some trouble connecting (also note that Tim is unable to be on the committee this semester). Curious to know if Assessment happened electronically last semester and if so what format was used.
Curriculum	Mitchell Wilson Sylvia Korman	
Diversity	Filipa Calado Miranda Hajduk Daniel Hengel Emily Price Nik Valdez Eric Dean Wilson	Submitting the PublicsLab Grant this week, Friday 11/13. Draft of the grant proposal (in need of proofreading) here: <a href="https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d5iQTHytsPEmBPiz_rnBf_H-4gX9wUTh0plaPAeP01o/edit#">https://docs.google.com/document/d/1d5iQTHytsPEmBPiz_rnBf_H-4gX9wUTh0plaPAeP01o/edit#</a>
Elections	Onur Ayaz	No updates
Executive	Shoumik Bhattacharya Michele Chinitz	Hi everyone, since I teach on Thursdays at 2pm I'm writing to you about the <a href="#">diversity equity initiative funds</a> , due Dec 1, and hope this message gives you enough information to discuss. The exec committee approves the proposals. Can we help make it easier for students to apply for this? We don't know for sure that the funds will be disbursed, but it is a useful opportunity and unusual to be offered money from administration.  We could put out a survey asking students what they are interested in doing, and potentially link up students with related aims to apply for things together. Reps on exec committee could also benefit from feedback about areas of the program where students feel this is especially egregious, to help us choose and give us

		<p>leverage in approving proposals, if not all can be approved.</p> <p>It's a busy time of year, so if there is interest, I am willing to spearhead it. Though I understand that the diversity committee might have a better sense of how to pursue this.</p> <p>Please let me know what you think.</p> <p>Thanks Michele</p>
Faculty Membership	Jacob Aplaca Filipa Calado	<p>Drafting calls for Rhet/Comp and Latinx positions.</p> <p>Kandice asked for information about student needs with faculty, is there any record of this?</p>
Friday Forum	Bradley Nelson Sean Nortz	<p>We recently approved a new (and improved) FF CFP, which Kandice distributed at the end of October. We're on our way to solidifying Spring 2021 participants.</p>
Placement	Queenie Sukhadia Sam O'Hana Cassandra Murray	
Recruitment	Christian Fryer-Davis Daniel Hengel Paris Shih Sukie Kim	
Representative Outreach	Jacob Aplaca Dainy Bernstein Miranda Hajduk Stefano Morello Eric Dean Wilson	[no further updates]
Website and Editorial	Param Ajmera Nicole Cote Cary Fitzgerald Zach Muhlbauer Queenie Sukhadia	

Our Next Meeting will be: **Friday, December 11th, 2:00 - 4:00PM** via Zoom  
<https://tinyurl.com/ESAmtg4> (PW: 805548)

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**Concurrent Notes:**

- GB advanced motion to open 1-month consideration period to discuss changes/updates to constitution and bylaws
  - Will and Olivia seconded motion
- Ideas for disbursing excess funds:
  - Book drive 2.0 microgrants
  - Revels theme: favorite book character costume
    - Grad School Cosplay
- Method for \$\$\$ disbursement:
  - Have sign-up sheet with set # of slots; random draw if  $n > \#$ , everyone gets one if  $n < \#$
  - Can use either for book or revels items
  - Will reminds: likely fees associated with buying bulk cards
  - GB: look into possibility of reimbursements if fees are prohibitive
- Nik on Admissions discussions:
  - Discussion with Kandice about how to read alternative signs of promise (given disparities in education access etc.) when reading applications
  - Plan to discuss ““standards”” for (read: ways of reading) applications
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**Members Present (9):**

Olivia Wood  
Genevieve Bettendorf  
Will Arguelles  
Filipa Calado  
Eric Dean Wilson  
Jessica Lugo  
Miranda Hajduk  
Queenie Sukhadia  
Nik Valdez