

Graduate English Association (GEA) Meeting
Minutes – March 3, 2017
Room 2447

Members Present: Christine Anlicker (president), David St. John (vice president), Josh Privett (treasurer), Dionne Clark (secretary), Jennifer Olive (communications chair), Josh Martin (social chair)

Christine Anlicker welcomed the board, and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Josh Privett provided an update of the GEA's current budget and account balance. Josh reviewed the budget for the spring semester, which includes programmatic events that will take place in March and April. The following budget includes: \$150 (Ex Post Facto), \$100 (\$50 each for Professionalization Series; this includes promotion and coffee), and \$50 (Creative Writing Reading). The balance is \$570.00. Josh mentioned that the accounting balance is off by \$10 (per the department's Business Manager, Marta Hess).

Josh Martin discussed the social events scheduled for March and April. The GEA will collaborate with the Writing Room to host a Creative Writing Reading on March 24. Josh will contact Kavarna, Java Monkey, and Ebrik in Decatur for possible hosting space. Josh Privett also offered to check availability at his apartment, and suggested his apartment as a back-up space to host the event. Josh Martin also discussed the location for Ex Post Facto. The ideal location would be located near a Marta Station. Josh will also check Leon's and My Parent's Basement in Avondale. Christine introduced a group service project for the GEA. This would fulfill the GEA's responsibility, as a student organization, to impact the local community. Christine suggested the Atlanta Food Bank. Jennifer suggested engaging with a literacy program to utilize students' disciplinary interests. She also suggested the local MLK Center.

The GEA will host two Grad Mentor Grads sessions. These sessions are not GTA sessions. The following sessions will take place in March and April:

- Writing/Defending the Prospectus (led by Jennifer Olive) – March 21
- Conference Paper Proposals/Abstracts (led by Josh Privett) – April 5 at 3 p.m.

The National Day on Writing will take place in October. David discussed alternative activities to acknowledge the NDW. David suggested securing a craft (of writing) speaker and sponsoring a literacy narrative contest for undergraduate students.

The Professionalization Series is will take place in Troy Moore Library. Dr. Harker organized the series. The following events will take place during the series:

- “The 2017-2018 Academic Job Market: Q&A” with Jay Rajiva, Mark Noble, Lindsey Eckert, Josh Russell – March 23, 2017 at 11 a.m.
- “The Academic Job Market and Your Dissertation or Book Project” with Ashley Holmes, Gina Caison, Eddie Christie, and Josh Russell – April 26, 2017 at 11 a.m.

Dionne discussed her ideas for the writing group. She suggested discussing completed papers, works in progress, and initial paper ideas. She also suggested considering thematic sessions. She stressed her interest in encouraging other students to share their ideas and interests in feminist literary theory. Jennifer suggested including Samantha and Candice Merritt in the discussion and writing group. The first writing group will take place Thursday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m.