GEA Meeting Minutes
Monday. October 9, 2017

Present Members: Josh Privett, Jennifer Olive, David St. John, Dionne Clark, Shana Latimer, Christine Anlicker

David St. John called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m.

**Elections and Nominations**

Officers will hold current positions until December 31, 2017. In December, an email will be distributed to the student body for nominations. The following positions will be open for nominations: president, vice president, social chair, treasure, and communications chair. Josh Privett accepted the nomination as president. Shana Latimer was nominated and accepted nomination for vice president.

**National Day on Writing Activities**

- Spooky Stories at the Studio – Friday, October 13, 2017 from 3-5 p.m.
- National Day on Writing - Wednesday, October 18 10-2 (3 days from Comps)
  - To Do List: cash needed
  - David can help with setting up

**Budget Auditing**

Money needs to be spent out of the budget to adhere to submitted GSA budget.

Ways to spend money:
  - Conference reimbursements
  - New Voices distributions - $500

**DES Addendum**

There was a short debate over the GEA budget and New Voices. As of this year, New Voices is flush with cash due to the GEA procuring $500 for the conference as well as the current petty cash that New Voices has as of now. Points were raised about the autonomy of New Voices. Here’s the rub: New Voices was trying to get its own account in order to accept checks. New Voices, as far as I know, did not get said account. From here on, it would behoove the GEA Treasurer to also be the treasurer of New Voices. I think this could be accomplished if there was always a New Voices committee member who attended the GEA meetings.
If Brittny Byrom accepts the nomination for Communications chair – this problem will be effectively addressed if not solved. New Voices should think of ways to spend money this year.

Dionne had to leave near the end of the meeting. After that, there was a brief discussion about upcoming events. The Plummer lecture is October 18. November 16, Dr. Harker may present a job talk. Coffee money will need to be reserved. Doubts were raised about the movie night. Pres. Anlicker suggested *Remains of the Day* in honor of Ishiguro, but was also concerned about copyright laws.

Respectfully Submitted