

Council Meeting Minutes -- 10/20/10

Committee reports –

- **Communications** – We discussed the issue of the website. It was noted that the website was important. In that discussion, we discussed possibly paying someone to do the work, but his is prohibitive as it is costly. Jason agreed to continue working on the website, but he also didn't want to continue doing so indefinitely. We agreed that this should be a "two year stint" for doing the website, which meant that Jason would move on soon. We also wondered how this duty might be honored by the Council in order to provide some non-financial reward.
- **Dissertation and Award Committee** – The question was raised: Should this be the Fellowship and Award Committee? It was announced that that Dissertation Committee had completed its task, and it was noted that Cole got one of the awards. The main discussion here had to do with whether this Committee should be named the Fellowship and Awards Committee.
- **Program Committee** – This Committee emphasized that it was a big accomplishment to be "going green." This Committee, in the discussion, emphasized positive collegiality. It was also suggested that this Committee be given Co-Chair position, because of the amount of work that goes into organizing the program. It was also discussed that the Town Halls, perhaps, should belong to the Council rather than the Program Committee as those represent an organization-wide concern. Another discussion that emerged had to do with the Deadline for the proposal submissions. We discussed, perhaps, moving the deadlines to match those of AERA.
- **Publications Committee** – Of course, our big success was signing with T&F. We discussed the lack of proposals for the Conference edited book. Regarding the Conference edited book, we have finalized with Information Age press for that publication. We also applauded the art on the cover of the most recent C&P journal.
- **Finance** – We collected \$21,558.78 approx at this point on conference revenue. One big saving was on copying costs since the program went green. Thanks was also given to the University of Akron because of its gifts of supplies and lanyards. As previously mentioned, the room guarantee was reduced, so that took care of the possible financial troubles that were brewing due to that. It was also noted that we have about 24K in reserved to help us if we do not quite break even on this conference.

It was noted that Julie did the taxes, found that task to be easy, and saved us some money.

We also wondered about how to set up the transfer of accounts better given that every year or so, the Finance Committee Head had to do undue paperwork in the wake of taking on that job. It was suggested that we move to an on-line bank.

The use of PayPal was also a discussion. Since we loose some money through PayPal, should we continue using it? Are there any alternatives? Should we charge a service fee for PayPal? Can we if we are going to require its use?

It was agreed that we should move to on-line banking, remove the use of checks for payment and registration. It was suggested, in using an on-line bank, that we enquire as to what to do regarding changing "access" names each year.

- **Grad student support** – We had honored 28 requests for student support. We put up 21 students for one night. We ended up not being able to pay for registration for the grad students as we ran into budgeting issues. It was reported that we need to rethink how we were going to do grad student support. We could no longer fund grad students registration, but at the same time, it was a concern that our grad student numbers were really low. The Grad Student Committee also faced some ugliness and belligerence on the part of some grad students when they did not receive their funding. Prior to the conference, we had only \$2,000 in that account. We need to keep the grad student support, but we discussed ways that it might be made more effective on a smaller budget. Could we provide just a break in the registration fees? Could we make this competitive? It was suggested that we continue to deliberate on this topic on the wiki. At present, there are no specific policies regarding reserves here, and that helps us know that we can cut into what we have with the vow to replenish. It was decided that we would keep the 2K in reserves, and that we needed to revisit this rationale and practices regarding grad student support. The Committee Chair again suggested that we lower registration costs for grad students, but it was recognized that lowering registration costs dipped into needed revenue sources.
- **Membership** – The Committee Chair discussed having begun work on this project. The Chair sent out 1300 emails and got responses from 225 people. 80 emails bounced back, which meant that those were definitely outdated. Jim supported the Chair in that he had conference attendees check their contact information at the beginning of the conference upon check in. It was agreed that the Registrar should continue this practice. We need to work on the wiki defining several topics. What does membership mean? Do we need active vs. non-active membership categories to handle those that disappear from the scene but again might re-surface later? If that is the case, then we will need to re-write by-laws for membership. We need to be careful, it was noted by one Council Member, that if we re-write the bi-laws, then we might have to re-do our legal status. We need to develop the categories of active and inactive memberships in ways that don't require us to re-write the by-laws.
- **Nominations** – We have had the problem of only having a handful of people express in an interest in running for the Council prior to the meeting. This might keep us from requiring advanced notice in order to run for Council. One member responded that this might be a matter of habit, just like book editing teams getting together at the conference. It was discussed if we could do broader voting, but it was, in the end dismissed because that would be really hard to monitor. Instead, it was emphasized that that the Council elections would take place at the Conference.

A separate discussion ensued regarding people who don't participate in Council and then come to the Conference. What are we supposed to do with people who don't participate and then don't come to the conference? Two spots were opened on the Council due to non-participation.

It was also determined, as part of this discussion, that Lisa LeJevic will be grandfathered in as C&P Treasurer.

- **Back to publications** – The question was raised as to whether Steve Carpenter and Stephanie Springgay should continue as Editors in order to give continuity to the Editorship position as we

approached the contract with T&F. In this discussion, Stephanie decided that she did not want to continue as Editor, but Steve, we had understood from conversations with others was interested in continuing in the Editors spot. In this discussion, the question arose: Do we need Editorial Assistants? Also in this discussion, immediate rejection rates were discussed? What were the rejection rates? If the journal is becoming important in the field, then might we not the Editors simply reject at a higher rate?

Regarding the Editorship, it was decided that Steve continue as Editor and choose an assistant for this year. Next year, it was decided, we would allow for proposals for a New Editing Team.

In finishing this discussion, it was also decided that Stephanie, Steve, and the New Editor be flown to the T&F offices to discuss the transition to T&F.

- Site committee –
 - Welcome to Akron! Keep an eye on the book talks.
 - Moved and seconded that we get a New Site Committee Chair. The Removal was voted and approved.
 - Big thanks for Jenn for stepping up here on the Site Committee.
 - The State of C&P was announced. It was discussed that Council Nominees would talk, then there would be voting.
 - It was discussed the Julie would present the James T. Sears award. Before the end of that session, the votes would be tallied.
 - The results were to be sent to the Webmaster and the Editing Team.

End of meeting.

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Review of the committee reports

Deborah Freedman Awards from dissertation – Cole Reilly; Jason. Two winners.

Patti & Jenn Snow – Having have worked through the program committee; We are working to put abstracts on line; we are working to make these committees shorter. We will be moving toward

Publications – Cudos to Steve, Stephanie, Ruben; We ended up getting T&F as our provider. We have, also, Information Age Press as our book provider. Thanks for our recently published book. We need to have the proposals ahead of schedule. We want to teach everyone to do the proposal early. Steve will continue after one year in Editing the Journal to provide continuity with T&F.

Julie – Financial Report. Our expenses anticipated will out weigh, probably, the earnings. Decline in attendance is a problem; Contractual obligations; Paypal issues, etc. Questions of on-line banking, etc. We might add a service charge for on-line payments. We will move exclusively to PayPal for next year.

Deb Freedman for Jenn – Grad student support – We funded 21 grad students with one-night in the hotel. We usually have registration fees and one night, but this year, we moved to just one night support because we have so many grad students. If we continue to double the amount of grad students, we will be in bigger and bigger red numbers

Cole – Membership; Cole has now contacted more than 1500 people; he has tried to work on getting the membership lists back in order. Cole wishes develop Membership Committee and develop more of a Committee Approach. Cole is wanting to develop an Active and Non-Active list. Should we set up an Active and Inactive lists to include more and more members from the past and present.

Jenny S. – Nominations; We will stay with the conference votes; How do we follow up with non-Council volunteers – we're working on including more folks on Council than we previously had. We will continue the pre-Conference nominations; We worked on this system about voting. We made the voting more on-going. We will now announce; We need to promote nominations prior to conference. New Council Members.

Membership comments! This is a wonderful, and life changing experience for educators. We need to develop intellectual spaces, and several members express appreciation for the Conference and what the Council achieves.

Curriculum Studies website brings together all the spaces. Curriculum studies.net is more of general.

Last announcements – Survey monkey will ask for survey information to systematic feedback;

Newly elected Council Members are the following: Kris Sloan, Antonio Garcia, Morna McDermott, James Jupp, Laurie Chahayl, Polly Atwood, Laura Jewett (2 yrs), Jennie Stearns (2yrs).

We have a meeting in the Goodyear room tomorrow.

Council Meeting 10-23-10

New member introductions

- Attendance: Jenn Snow, Patti Bullock, Deb Freedman, Julie Maudlin, Jim Kilbane, Kris Sloan, Cole Reilly, Zahra Murad , Jake Burdic, Jenny Stearns, Jenny Sandlin
- We need to keep active on the wiki – daily ; read the by-laws; roles; read and find what should be on there.
- Jason will add Jenny Stearns to the wiki.
- Julie will encourage others to participate on the wiki as we move over.
- Should we assign an outgoing member to a new member of the council so that they can mentor them into the wiki?
- We're also wondering about grad student representation on Council. Do we currently have enough grad students on the Council?
- Maybe we should encourage non-council grad students to get involved so that they can start to have an idea of what council does.

Conference recap/reflections – The following queries, discussion, and comments were made.

- Our thoughts and reflections – Browning was the largest attended session.
- We need to keep the C&P Strand and being able to know about that strand in order to see the connections.
- Should Browning Caucus have the follow up? Could it be the last session?
- There was a consensus on the BC – it was overall a very positive experience. BC was encouraged to report back to the Council. It was discussed as how the BC would appear on the exit survey? Should we put that on the survey monkey; should put BC stuff on the exit survey exit.
- It was asked: How might be better have used the space? How might the Council have better used their positions.
- Presentations: Should we have a break between the presentations?
- How could the space help articulate the message? How could the medium help articulate the message? Maybe something different...as far as the way the space was used.
- The Town Hall was an introductory space that was meant to encourage others.
- We need to work on having the culture the BC influence C&P.
- Members reported that the BC did cause positive responses from people of color and others.
- Browning is now, not out of frustration, but rather it is from the structure of the conference itself.
- Could we have the papers to read them slowly. The intellectual quality was evident in the BC.

Site considerations – The following queries, discussion, and comments were made.

- Logistical questions: More continental breakfast. More and stronger coffee. Can we use the 19th floor and stay there the whole time? How might we other use the spaces? We're only obligated to buy a certain amount of food, so the space is still up for grabs? How could we use other spaces?

- Could the program Committee possibly visit the site? Could we have a sign outside? Water in the rooms. Coffee in the rooms. Speakers in the presenting rooms. We need to get speakers from UA.

Planning/deadlines – The following queries, discussion, and comments were made.

- When do we want to set our submission deadline.
- We need deadlines to be hard and fast, so that program committees and other deadlines don't get bunched together.
- What is the Early Bird deadline? We need to have pretty firm numbers a month in advance for the books, etc.
 - When does IAP need to the book numbers?
 - Early bird registration need to be tied to book number requirements?
 - Regarding registration – we need to think about AERA deadlines
 - During submissions – we need to know who is coming and who is not.
 - We need to have the program in completed by the Early Bird Deadline.
 - It was decided that July 22th will be the last deadline for submissions. This will be a firm deadline.
 - Then, August 15th should to the Program Committee
 - The call needs to be developed through Division B.

Edited book proposals

- Townsen Group – Lauren K Chehayl; Morna McDermott; Cole Riley; Victoria Russell.
- We'll have the papers reviewed by a specialist and a grad student. We'll look at coloring and browning.
- "Conversations from the Borderlands of Curriculum and Pedagogy: It's Complicated" – This is the accepted proposal. It was also the only proposal this time.
- The time line is coming....and having plenty cushions;
- Discussion – Should the conference book – Concerns about the composition of the team. How can we work on this – Should we require a grad student? Who's the Senior scholar?
- Conditions –
 - Clarify the title (should it be exactly the same as the conference title).
 - Order of editors (who's the junior faculty member; junior folks should be the first editors).
- Jake will start to a conversation with Cole and other editors about documenting the process.
- We had 145 this year...We had around 180 last year.
- Could we hire a shuttle? Could we work a shuttle? We could also just hire the shuttle and the have a basic cost to over it from students.
- On consideration of grad students – Can we develop a box to check on registration forms so that we could easily make
- Meeting adjourned.