Comparative Literature Graduate Organization

Meeting on Thursday, September 19, 2013

155 Hodges

Start Time: 2:11 p.m.

Attendees: Guillermo, Elizabeth, Emily, Pengyi, Jingyuan, Amy

Old Business:

Amy read the meeting minutes from April 19, 2013 and summarized the discussion from the May dinner party.

New Business:

1. Thana, Elizabeth, and Emily were welcomed as new members.
2. Each officer explained his/her duties. The President runs the meeting. The Vice-President runs the meeting in absentia of the President or takes over the duties of any other absent officers. The Treasurer will be in charge of handing money matters, particularly those dealing with the upcoming conference. The Treasurer will meet with Dr. Russo in order to get help with this. The Ambassador of Social and Cultural Events is responsible for coordinating the monthly get-togethers at the Chimes, usually a Friday at 9 p.m. or so. Also, the Ambassador suggests events, such as celebrating birthdays or perhaps resurrecting the “Creative Workshop” idea and “City Lights” idea that Agnes previously proposed.
3. The elections were completed on a more volunteer basis than a nomination and election basis. Officer positions are as follows:

President - Guillermo

Vice-President – open (Telba nominated)

Secretary - Amy

Treasurer - Pengyi

Ambassador of Social and Cultural Events - Emily

1. The next order of business was the 2014 Multi-lingual Conference. Elizabeth read the original call for papers and feedback was gathered from all members. Members unanimously agreed to adopt a title change so that the official title now is “Literature at Its Boundaries and Beyond.” Amy then read her proposed changes. The changes were adopted. The agreed on date is now September 4 and 5, 2013. The date has to be a Thursday and Friday because that Saturday there is a football game and rooms would have been difficult to procure. Two new categories were added to the conference list: Literature and Social Justice and Eco-criticism. Conference preparation will be a team effort. Pengyi will be looking into the cost of the reception, including ICC, Chimes, Faculty Club, the Cook Hotel (on campus), and Staybridge Suites. Amy will look into the cost of rooms and how many rooms can be reserved in a block. She will be looking into the Cook Hotel and Staybridge Suites as they are both close to campus. Elizabeth will be looking into rooms on campus where the conferences can take place, particularly Memorial Library, Hodges, Allen, etc. It would be best to have rooms in buildings close together, possibly in the quadrangle. Jingyuan will be looking into the keynote speaker, including the cost of the flight, lodging, compensation for the keynote address, etc. Another element being considered for the conference is a cultural performance. This might include a poem reading, a musician or singer from the School of Music, or something else, but the performance needs to be on a volunteer basis. Each person will report back to the group at the next meeting.
2. The group will be talking to Dr. Russo about updating the design of the webpage, particularly in regulating the font and possibly modernizing the structure. Guillermo suggested that other comparative literature websites at other universities be studied in order to help with updates. All members were encouraged, if they had not done so, to get Johnathan the information requested via e-mail as soon as possible. Members were reminded to send in a nice photo, too. Also, one section on the website might be a “Bragging Rights” section. This would be a good addition to both the department site and the CLGO site.

Guillermo showed the group a free journal creation site called Calaméo. The site is multi-lingual and would be good for a comparative literature group. Members agreed that one edition of the CLGO journal should come out before the conference and that the second edition should include the papers from the conference. The call could be internal or could be university-wide. It will be multi-lingual, however. One suggestion for a title is “Meta - a Shelf above (or beyond) the Rest: A Journal of the Comparative Literature Graduate Organization.” Since Amy has previously been an editor for two journals, she will put together a proposal for the journal creation process, including editing.

1. The activities calendar for the year will be tabled until next time. Meetings will generally be the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will take place on October 17, 2013 at 2 p.m. in 155 Hodges.

**Proceedings:**

Future Business:

Each member will report back for their conference organization piece.

**Announcements:**

Minutes submitted by: Amy Catania

Signature of secretary: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of president: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

End time: 3:54 p.m.

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