

Minutes of
Graduate Linguistics Association

11/6/2014

- I. Call to Order: Called to order by Katharina Pabst at 3:37pm.
- II. Attendance: Katharina Pabst, Erika Bellingham, Randi Moore, Tim Tilbe, Ali Lawson, Anastasia Stepanova, Kate Donelson, Holly Keily, Luis Ulloa, Tom Diaz, Tom Diaz's beard
- III. Approval of Minutes
 1. Approved unanimously
- IV. Old Business - None
- V. New Business
 1. Contact with Journey's End people
 - i. Tim is in vague email contact.
 - ii. We want to get the paperwork started so we can get volunteering at the beginning of the semester.
 - iii. If we don't hear from her by Thanksgiving we should look at alternatives.
 - iv. Anastasia's idea – helping update Buffalo's Grand Central Station
 - v. Do it before we vote for HALF so we can make sure recipients of the award helped volunteer.
 - vi. Holly's Tom works for a volunteer organization that gives access to Lawyers for marginalized people.
 - vii. Karl looking into Karen community needs. – Burmese Spring celebration?
 - viii. Should also be during term so everyone has the possibility to be there
 - ix. Check in with your options and come back
 2. Cog Sci interdepartmental shindig
 - i. Neuroscience has withdrawn.
 - ii. Still trying to decide where to go.
 - iii. Mr Goodbar or the Marriott?
 - iv. Do we need to invoice directly or can the GLA front it and be reimbursed? Can Mr. Goodbar invoice us directly?
 3. Constitution
 - i. Constitution was brought up with Neil
 - ii. His suggestions include:
 1. CEO thing – we can have the CEO be a returns officer
 - a. CEO exists because questions was raised if we could vote online. Can vote for election and volunteering etc as long as no money is involved.
 2. Some clubs have a trustee committee to correct the minutes but that seems silly.
 3. Some clubs do not allow their presidents to vote – but we thing that's not a good idea.
 4. Senators responsibilities aren't noted in constitutions and all other officers are. We should fix that.

5. Webmaster should be a standing position? Yes, let's change that.
Webmaster can be in charge of a facebook group.
 6. Could be helpful to write down the time of the year that elections take place into the constitution.
4. VOTING – Constitution
- i. Should the president be allowed to vote?
 1. **Motion: Passed, 1 abstention**
 - ii. No additional responsibilities to the CEO
 1. **Motion: Passed unanimously**
 - iii. State the senators responsibilities in the constitution.
 1. **Motion: Passed unanimously**
 2. The duties of the senator and alternate senators are:
 - i. To ensure that the GLA is represented at all GSA senate meetings.
 - ii. To communicate matters of concern between the GSA and GLA.
 1. **Motion: Passed Unanimously**
 - iv. Adding webmaster and description of duty to constitution:
 1. **Motion: Passed Unanimously**
 2. The duties of the webmaster are:
 - i. Maintain the website (including but not limited to: contact information, minutes, constitution)
 - ii. Make sure the GLA website complies to all GSA requirements
 - iii. Establish and maintain active communication with current GSA webmaster.
 1. **Motion: Passed, 1 abstention:**
 - v. Officer roles changed, as per modifications created by Karl in the meeting and emailed to Ali afterwards (included at the end of the minutes).
 1. **Motion: Passed unanimously**

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by Luis Ulloa and Katharina Pabst at 4:38pm

Minutes taken by Ali Lawson, Secretary

Updated officer roles mentioned in section V.4.v:

The officers of the club are elected for one year terms by popular vote of the members at an annual election meeting. The officers are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Senator, Alternate Senator, Webmasters and Chief Excellence Officer.

The office of Chief Excellence Officer may be left vacant if there is no suitable candidate.

Each officer holds one position unless their second position is that of webmaster