

Date: October 27, 2017 at William Paterson University in Atrium 126

Attending faculty: Erica Ryan (Rider) Meg Titus (Rider) Arlene Holpp Scala (WP) Cecilia Colbeth (TCNJ) RoseAnne Alvarez (Brookdale) Cynthia Ninivaggi (GCU)

Attending students: Hector (Montclair) Florinda (WP) Jennifer (WP) Musial (NJCU) Serenity (Passaic Community College) Jaime (Brookdale) Kim (Rider) Margaret (Rider) Kelsey (Rider) Myia (WP)

The Treasurer's Report was accessed through an email previously submitted by Meg Natter, Treasurer. Since the June meeting changes were noted as follows:

Total income was \$3500 from the following:

\$1000 Rider

\$1000 TCNJ

\$500 Rutgers

\$500 William Paterson

\$500 Georgian Court

Balance is \$27,115.97 up from approx. \$24,743 over the summer

Arlene began the discussion on the report by noting the balance is down from previous years. She raised the question of how to get more institutions participating?

Erica noted Corey Wrenn from Monmouth University responded on Oct 15 to a membership email that Monmouth would no longer be participating with NJWGSC. Corey Wrenn explained their budget did not permit paying membership dues or attending meetings or events. They have elected to focus on on-campus programming.

Erica spoke in favor of continuing to invite Monmouth to send students to the Colloquium even if they are not sponsoring.

Members discussed various institutions around the state and their history of support through membership dues, as well as their participation in Colloquium: Rutgers Newark may be re-joining as Supporter. Seton Hall was contacted by Erica and is having difficulty obtaining supporter dues. She noted that Meg Natter had several ideas, and had suggested giving the remaining funds to one institution to sponsor the Colloquium in the future.

Jennifer asked about the history of funding the organization. Arlene replied that the approximately \$10,000 in startup funding came from New Jersey Project, about \$10,000, thanks to the efforts of

Ellen Friedman. Eventually NJWGSC started asking institutions to contribute. The budget has been as high as in the 40,000's.

Further discussion followed concerning: Rowan's recent commitment to re-join the Consortium at the \$500 level, and various institutions that send students without participating otherwise. Arlene suggests following up with financial support requests again this semester for these. When we send out our call for papers also make second contact with all WGS directors and ask are you interested in participating, via funds or via service and participation.

Erica noted that RoseAnne has suggested a broader call for papers. She mentioned also the need for greater student participation. A student wing of NJWGSC used to exist, but was fragile, Arlene reported, and did not survive its core members' graduation. Erica noted that the participating students today planned to set up a live google.docs with an activism strategy for students. At present, she reported, we have 2 seniors and 1 sophomore in the mix as core members.

Action items from the last meeting were reviewed as accomplished. These included the creation of a Facebook page. Members discussed how to get more events on the page since traffic is high. Can also send notice of events to the listserv. Make people an admin at each college so they can add things or solicit events.

Discussion continued on the approach to funding/participation challenges: Erica reported that Meg Natter has proposed sending Consortium to one institution to sponsor the Colloquium, to defray efforts to collect monies each year.

The question was raised as to whether businesses or other sources might constitute increased revenue for Consortium efforts. Meg was asked to describe her recent event, the Bordentown Neighbors Acting Together, as an example of how communities might benefit from such a partnership. Arlene reiterated general support for idea of greater community visibility perhaps through existing community organizations –the issue of domestic violence is of concern. Erica proposed that a sponsored event in the community once a semester might be achievable. So is the idea to get sponsorship from businesses or community sponsors eventually?

Arlene offered to discuss her access to already rented space in Englewood to sponsor something with Unitarian Universalists of Englewood.

Erica noted putting general efforts towards community involvement would change nature of organization and its direction. Meg noted that a change in NJ's political admin come Election Day may open up more grant money, funding, and a proposed "think tank" in NJ if Murphy is elected.

Cecilia reported she is sending 10 students to a Bonne Watson Coleman event/lunch after her talk on Planned Parenthood at Princeton. Watson Coleman is committed board to at the colloquium as well. A Washington trip may be in the works for TCNJ students.

Erica emphasized the opportunity to benefit from one another's efforts on our own campuses.

Colloquium Discussion Planning:

Cecilia reported that she is requesting \$2000 from TCNJ for room fees, that Bonnie Watson Coleman is not charging for keynote, and that her chief of staff is an alumna.

Arlene said the Consortium paid out about \$2000 in awards last year at the Drew Colloquium.

Cecilia proposed setting dates for calls for papers. Friday April 6 is the date for the colloquium. The call for papers should go out in November to catch Fall papers.

Erica elaborated on Roseanne's efforts to put out a new call for papers that is more inclusive. Performance, creative expression, video, and activism categories might be included. All agreed to develop criteria for evaluation at the Spring meeting on February 9 at Rider University.

Meg discussed the requirement of a presentation package with its history and impact on the community; a website or workshop might be included.

Cecilia inquired whether so many group presentations would put individuals at a disadvantage.

Erica recalls LGBTQ climate survey and outcomes of activism as a paper was presented last year. Cynthia recalled a past choreography presentation had a reflection piece.

Erica proposed 3 categories: creative expression, activism, along with papers. Agreed a paper artifact.

Jennifer suggests oral history projects from NJCU seem to fall into the cracks. Are personal narratives a separate category? Erica and Meg agree that's research and falls under traditional scholarship. Arlene added it should have Women's Studies relevance. Erica said she would discuss with RoseAnne and Jennifer further how to word call for papers to correctly include narratives.

The proposed schedule for the Colloquium suggested by Cecilia should be:

9-10 Registration & breakfast

9:30-10:00 Welcoming remarks from President of TCNJ

president opening remarks. Session 1 =

10:15-11:45 Session 1

12:00-1:30 Luncheon with Keynote Bonnie Watson Coleman.

1:45 -3:00 Session 2

3:30-4:30 Awards and closing remarks.

The Consortium meeting Feb. 9 will determine new categories of scholarship as outlined above and the membership of the readership committees.

Cynthia suggested the development of a subcommittees of readers, subcommittees that would invite faculty or faculty/artists who had previously not participated, to share their expertise by reading select categories of papers.

One idea: potentially have three sets of judges for the three panels, ask people who are experts from the different areas to rate the papers, pull in people who haven't participated much yet that way, and then the prize committee can be the ones to actually determine the prizes.

The Spring semester meeting is intended to have a faculty focus (along the lines of the NWSA pre-conference), but Erica suggested Arlene's list of questions as posed at the summer retreat could act as guideline for the summer retreat next time. See summer minutes for those questions.

Students, returning at noon: Reported very productive meeting, discussing becoming more visible on their own campuses, as well as potential for improving intercampus communication. RoseAnne took notes at this meeting as follows:

Lunch Segment: Theresa Bivalitz, Campus Victims Coordinator for William Paterson University, was the guest speaker

RoseAnne concluded that NJWGSC must continue to provide a vehicle for intra-university communication as the students are proposing.