EGO/RS
Meeting Agenda
October 11, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Type of Meeting: Membership
Attendees: Dana Gavin, Lori Hartness, Megan Weaver, D'An Knowles Ball, Jennifer Hitchcock, Rachel Willis

I. Call to order: Called meeting to order at 9:44am, Oct. 11, 2017

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting: September minutes read, proposal to accept, seconded, and approved.

III. Old Business/ Reports
   a) Rachel Willis volunteers to take minutes in exchange for Starbucks gift card
   b) Report on budget: for fundraiser, 878.08, donated 219.52 each to various organizations, remaining $26 in the bank and 54.98 in Paypal, D'An asks whether we should close our savings account or keep it open, Lori asked about EGO having petty cash. D'An suggests putting flyers around campus for RSODU and EGO. Dana isn't sure what our upcoming expenses are, and Lori suggests using petty cash, a few hundred dollars, to host events or things without needing several signatures. Should we vote to approve the treasurer can be a single signature for petty cash (xferred to Paypal) up to $200? Megan Weaver said we don't need to, and this is approved.
   c) Discussion of what the Rhetoric Society of ODU is; similar to EGO and connected to a larger national society.
   d) Lori suggests adding the petty cash single signature to the bylaws. Dana agrees.

IV. New business
   a) D'An reports on the EGO poll of Facebook students to find out what EGO should be doing:
      i) Biggest benefit of the orgs: funding for conferences, but D'An suggests awards as well
      ii) A close second is professional development opportunities. Discussion of where the pressure to publish and present is coming from, and whether distance people have access to resources for that or not. D'An suggests hosting a roundtable to discuss conference and publishing opportunities, noting that students in disciplines other than rhet/comp may not have access to this.
      iii) Next benefit for orgs: mentorship. Can we match up new PhD students with older cohort members?

iv) Next benefit: A unified student voice—department communication is problematic
v) Next benefit: recruitment
vi) Next benefit: live announcements about where food is available on campus
vii) Next benefit: social events, and making these accessible to distance students. This can foster collaboration, which can contribute to professional advancement

b) A suggestion from the chat is to create an EGO secretary position, giving us a larger officer pool. It would help the person with the position, giving them a CV line.

c) Discussion of communication challenges and how to improve to reach more PhD students. Megan Weaver notes that there used to be a student member on the PhD advisory council, and suggests a grassroots effort to recruit in classes to improve communication. How can we get more of the cohorts in the EGO meeting?

d) Dues are $10.

e) We agree the cohorts need more mentorship and connection.

f) Ideas for potential panels: a write-in, potential literature studies panel, Humanities Unbound. D'An has a keynote speaker—Ellie Ragland. Mark Keening can do pre-conference meeting. Conference theme of "Work and Purpose." The Honors College and Humanities Institute will kick in funding to get Ellie Ragland. D'An wants to develop a CFP by December/January.

g) Humanities Unbound dates are mid-April, but we suggest late February before CCCs. D'An will be the point person for Humanities Unbound.

h) Orgsync will be invoicing for dues.

i) Discussion about how to balance funding apps for RSODU and EGO. Megan suggests combining the pots, which we did last year, in order to award the most people.

V. Action Items

a) Lori will send out invoices for dues

b) Dana will send a general email that will remind people about the organization and instruct them to sign up at the Orgsync. D'An will send out emails for RSODU.

c) D'An will work on dates for Humanities Unbound and begin delegating responsibilities to EGO members.

VI.   Adjournment: Proposal to end the meeting at 10:46am, seconded and approved.