

## Student Leadership Committee Notes

Members present: Katherine Williams (chair) Kelsey Hixon-Bowles (chair) Elfi, Morgan, Lyndon, Katie, Jon, Lauren, Janine, Tim, Ginger

Student Leadership Workshop: Katherine and Kelsey go around the room making sure that all the SR's are on target about what their workshop topic is and who is discussing what. We are making sure that there is a good balance between informative discussion and group discussion. Kat asks the Student Leaders to remember to write down questions to send back to the SA's so that they have that information for future student leaders.

Student Convention Duties: Everyone is aware of when and where they need to be during author introductions, Q and A's, moderations, etc. We are ordering pizza for SR's working at the registration table.

Getting prepared for Regents joint meeting: SL's are primarily informed that once the regional elections occur, they must take the newly-elected Student Leaders to the training meeting. Old SL's do not need to be at Saturday's meeting unless they are elected again.

Lauren reminds everyone that throughout convention current SL's should post information on the regional Facebook pages, as well as on Twitter with the #RiverCurrent hashtag. Convention attendees will receive discounts for spa trips in hotel, food, and the Blue breakfast and brunch bar but they must provide their badges.

Lauren also brings up the possibility of communication opportunities online for the next year. This time, we want to encourage SL's to find people in their region who already write blogs and have them feature their writing on Wordy by Nature. If Student Leaders are still interested in submitting articles for the blog they can do so.

Kelsey reminds everyone that outgoing SL's should provide contact information to the new SL's. She encourages them to schedule a lunch or dinner with the new SL's to get to know them.

Kelsey lets everyone know how we're going to start the workshop. Kat and Kelsey are going to introduce the workshop and explain to attendees how the groups will break off into four topics for two rounds of 45-minute discussions.

Victoria asks who will judge the Bad Poetry/Dry T-shirt contest:

Dry T-Shirt: Tim, Janine, Lyndon (Morgan is helping)

Bad Poetry: Tim, Janine, Lyndon (Katie?), Morgan

Brainstorming things to talk about with Regents at joint meeting: Kelsey and Kat let the SL's know about the joint meeting; that it puts everyone on the same page about regional elections. This is also the time when new Regents are elected.

Janine: some members of her region aren't getting informed about activities, electing officers until the end of October. Elfie suggests setting up a timetable for officers. Should chapters elect officers earlier in the year? Morgan's chapter has a "mock conference" (suggested chapter activity).

Last Monday in October: Elfie thinks that if we keep the submission deadline the same then chapters can anticipate that and plan accordingly (ex. scholarships due second week of November). Elfie asks if it's better for chapters to elect new officers at the end of the spring? It seems to work better for everyone else; Lyndon offers an example of how his chapter has done a similar procedure and it has smoothed over officer transition. Janine adds that newly elected officers in the spring sometimes get an agenda ready for the upcoming school year so that they have the summer to prepare.

Kelsey asks about SR/ASR partnership, how has that worked out for the current SL?

Tim: Colin has worked well as ASR; they have shared responsibility and Colin has spearheaded the online publication project coming out in March/April. Tim supervised his activities.

Lyndon: has worked equally with Kaila. Their work ethic has been copacetic. They go to the same university, which helped. Emails went to Lyndon, Kaila did not receive emails.

Katie: tried to split responsibilities with Chaos (Facebook announcements). There wasn't a specific guideline, and the communication was spotty at times.

Elfie asks if it would be better that the Regent have a shared email with SR/ASR's? Tim and others think the emails should be separate.

Reflection: what did SL's get out of this experience? Morgan says that the mostly online communication is different from her experience in on-campus writing labs, etc. Since her region is quiet, she thought it was a very different type of leadership experience. Working on a person-to-person level differs from this type of leadership. Kelsey agrees that this is "a different kind of leadership." Regular communication via monthly email chats helps because it keeps everyone accountable. Morgan mentions that it is hard to communicate with her region when she sends emails/Facebook announcements when she is not sure that anyone has read it. Elfie suggests a different communication strategy; it is also good experience because the majority of communication in their future jobs will be via email or in the virtual world, not face-to-face.

Jon reminds everyone that the AR position is now an appointed, 2-year position. He wants to remind SL's would qualify for Alumni Representative and that the position would be there for them in the future.

Meeting adjourns at 8:50