***Graduate Student Caucus Business Meeting Agenda***

***2019 Central States Communication Association***

***Omaha, Nebraska***

***Thursday, April 4th, 11:00-12:30***

Officers in attendance:

Maureen Wieland, Chair, Purdue University

Austin Beattie, Vice-Chari, University of Iowa

Jessica Kahlow, Secretary, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

1. Call to Order
2. Chair introduces officers and members
3. Attendance
4. Previous minutes reviewed by members
5. Old Business
6. Overview of Conference
7. Submissions
8. 21 submissions, 30 in 2018

More slots - new slot system

How to get more people to submit things

1. Slots
2. 10- including the business meeting, 9 in 2018
3. Co-sponsorships
4. Women’s Caucus: Being a feminist graduate student during the #Metoo Movement
5. Org and Professional Com: Exploring “ideals” in the discourse of work and life
6. Health Com: Scholars Hours
7. Multiple: Inclusive conference spaces: A continuing dialogue

 Great involvement

1. Awards
2. Top Panel (Saturday, 2-3:15pm)
3. Danielle Feliz Dickerson, South Dakota State University, *Work-life balance while being a graduate student: Creating dialogue.*

Absent -

1. Top Papers (3:30-4:45pm, Missouri)
2. Linda Ann Coleman, Governors State University, *Provider-patient communication: Low health literacy accommodation measure.*

Accepted award

1. Dominic Pecararo, Missouri State University, *How dialogue can create a prosocial learning environment: Autoethnographic reflection from a first-year basic course graduate part-time instructor.*

Absent -

Awards go back to registration to be picked up for absent awaredees - We will email

1. New Business
2. Updated by-laws from 2018 meeting
3. “Members running for Secretary must be current graduate students still in coursework at the time of election.”
4. New online submission system
* Did not add the universities of people on submitted discussion panels (reviewers commented that they didn’t know if the panel was diverse)
* The chair showed up as the submitter for all of the papers and panels
1. Reviewer process improvements
* Very diverse submissions and some issues in how the reviewer process works
* Remind reviewers what the requirements for papers are (e.g., if the paper is longer than 24 pages, it should be rejected)
* Make sure reviewers have time to provide a quality review
* Get a larger pool of reviewers
* Once reviewers are assigned, we should include what a review should look like and what our expectations are for reviews

New Business

Dr. Patric Spence - editor of Communication Studies

Award $2500 (need $2500 to make the award an official award)

It would make our top paper award an official endowed award named after Paul Skowski (sp)

Paul was committed to helping and mentoring graduate students

Very involved in CSCA

CMC scholar

Paul Skowski award - people would continue to contribute to the award

It would be extra money for us to use. We could make our top paper award be named after it or we could add a second top paper award

Vote for accepting the award (show of hands)

* 1 abstain
* 9 yes

Other named award for top panel - need to add to bylaws

Endowment approved for the top paper award (in addition to the top paper award and the top panel award for the caucus)

* Make sure execs know (Austin)
1. Officer Election
2. Pass on the gavel
3. Maureen Wieland passes gavel to Austin Beattie
4. New Chair: Austin Beattie, University of Iowa
5. New Vice-Chair: Jessica Kahlow, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
6. Secretary Election
7. Nominations from the floor

America Edwards (seconded and nomination accepted)

Paper ballot (yes or no)

9 for

0 opposed

America is new secretary

1. Nominee speeches
2. Voting
3. Discussion and Planning for 2020
4. CSCA 2020: April 14-19, Chicago

Boarders and breakthroughs

1. Slots for next year

Based on the number of things submitted

1. Potential topics for panels in 2020
* Puppy panel for decompression and destressing to build interpersonal connections (discussion panel)
* How grad students and dating - how to communicate to romantic partners who aren’t in grad schools (discussion panel)
* Cross-disciplinary communication
* Crossing boundaries - from the academy to to the workforce
* Panel in the pool
1. Ideas on collecting more submissions
* Use social media!
* Make it known what kinds of things they can submit (e.g., abstracts)
* Our own opening reception for graduate students (and open to undergraduates) - what is grad school? Before the actual opening sessions
* More co-sponsored panels
* Does Kathy still have email blast for grad students/ undergrad / calls for submissions
* Suggest paper panel submissions
* Start sending out calls and information about the caucus submissions earlier
* What is GIFT doing to be so popular - can we do any of those things?
* Workshops for networking and collaborating
	+ “Let’s collabroate” discussion panel - have people from a variety of areas on the panel, talk about their interests
1. Closing
2. Social Hour
3. Omaha Tap House (1401 Farnam St. NE, 0.3 mile from conference hotel)
4. Adjournment

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