French Program Student Association (FPSA)
Minutes
27 September, 2013

Members Present: Allison Faris (AF), Philip Griffith (PG), Mariana Goycoechea (MG), Parfait Kouacou (PK), Amy Martin (AM), Itziar de Miguel (IM), Tim Wilson (TW)

Meeting called to order at 2:20pm.

I. Approval of Agenda
MG motions to approve agenda; TW seconds; motion passes unanimously.

II. Approval of Minutes from May 3, 2013
MG motions to approve minutes; TW seconds; motion passes unanimously.

III. Review Constitution

IV. Review 2013-2014 Officers
AM will send email to all FPSA students with 2013-2014 committee members list.

V. New Business
   a. Election of First-year Student Liaison
      AF nominates herself. No other nominations are put forward.
      AF is unanimously voted in.

   b. DSC Program Allocation for use at FPSA meetings.
      TW motions that we not we spend DSC Program Allocation on FPSA meetings in order to save money for other French Program events; AF seconds; motion passes unanimously.

   c. Course Evaluation Forms
      AM summarizes that the current evaluation form seems to confuse students with the percentages used for evaluation and various questions having to do with methodology, and that Dr. Przybos has said that students are welcome to revise the evaluation form.
      TW asks what the requirements are.
      MG suggests a scale from 1-7, like Hunter College’s course evaluation forms.
      TW suggests that the comments are the most important part of the evaluation.
      AF suggests a two-sided form; the back side would have two different comment questions and specific space for them.
      TW suggests that we might put comments first to emphasize their importance.
AM suggests that we table this discussion until the next meeting when we might have more information about the form requirements.

VI. Reports
   a. Report on Writing Group
   AM reports that there are currently five members, and that there are meetings every two weeks, alternating Tuesdays and Thursdays.

   b. Report on French Program Student Conference
   FB reports that he has reserved a space, but is still waiting to hear from Avital Ronell about the Keynote Speech. AM will send out an email to request additional members for the committee.

   c. Report on Executive Committee Meeting from May 10, 2013
   AM reports that the Executive Committee is still in search of a new faculty member.


   e. Report on DSC Approval process for FPSA
   AM reports that there was less than 50% participation in the spring election, so in order for the FPSA to be recognized by the DSC, there will need to be a petition of students stating approval of the election process.

VII. Announcements
   a. Upcoming Projects
      i. Unofficial Student Handbook
      ii. Kneller Library & Exam Reading Lists
      iii. Submit to Le pitre nu
      iv. Brainstorm ideas for using Le Hub
      v. Rethinking our Program’s divisions (centuries & francophone)
      vi. Alumni Relations
      vii. Student Workshop Committee

VIII. Adjournment
   TW motions to adjourn; AF seconds; motion passes unanimously.
   Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.

Minutes submitted by Amy Martin