

CSCA 2021 Inspire Convention: GIFT Business Meeting

Friday March 28th, 2021 9:30 a.m. CDT

Meeting Minutes

Called to order at 9:30:

In attendance: Robert Hall, Rachel ~~Hall~~^{Murdock}, Kate Ksobiech, Justin Mahutga, Jaclyn Shetterly, Lauren Millender

Old Business:

2020's Meeting Minutes (found at: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1E7Y0B9dK4PsLMOw38r5ifxdQ0qqq_2k7/edit)

1. Additions or Changes to the 2020 Minutes:
2. Motion regarding the 2020 Minutes: Jaclyn Shetterly/Rachel Hall

New Business:

Outgoing Chair: Robert D. Hall

Incoming Chair: Rachel C. Murdock

New Vice Chair: Kate Ksobiech

Update on 2021 Conference:

1. We were fortunate to accept all 19 submitted activities.
2. Changes in format.
3. Awards:
 - a. Top Five GIFT Activities (alphabetical order)
 - i. Anna Wright: "Socializing students to discussions in organizational communication"
 - ii. Lance Brendan Young: "Inspiring conversation: topics, touchstones, and taboos"
 - iii. Lindsey J. Thomas & Justin Eckstein: "Gaming the (knowledge) systems: Adapting 'the mystery index' to teach scholarship paradigms"
 - iv. Thomas A. Salek: "The recipe for cooling a crisis: Using kitchen nightmares to craft a tactical internal communication change plan"
 - b. Top Basic Course GIFT Activity:
 - i. Justin Mahutga, Lauren Grace Millender, & Ellie Weaver: "Tattoos and their perceived meanings"
 - c. Top Overall GIFT Activity:

- i. Jaclyn Shetterly: “Is water wet?: Using highly debatable questions to discuss the importance of diversity in the field”

Plan 2021-2022 Submissions:

1. General GIFT suggestions: Great place for graduate students to submit. Possibly in 2022 for GIFT to present all ideas. Will send a poll to GIFT members to receive feedback on if roundtable approach should change. Another suggestion made to create a list of especially challenging topics to each to encourage some focused Great Ideas For Teaching.

Proposed Changes to GIFT Bylaws:

1. Article IV Section 2 Current Language:
“Only those who are both members of the Central States Communication Association and the Interest Group (as designated at the time of convention registration and membership renewal) and are not graduate students are eligible for office.”
2. Proposed Changes to Article IV Section 2:
“Only those who are both members of the Central States Communication Association and the Interest Group prior to elections are eligible for office.”
 - a. Justification: Current chair is a graduate student and has been since being elected as Secretary.
 - i. Eliminating this stipulation is more reflective of the standards of the other CSCA Interest Groups.
 - b. Memberships can be added and changed *after* registration and membership renewal.
 - i. New language of “prior to elections” keeps it such that for an individual to be elected to office, they need to be members of both CSCA and GIFT.
3. Discussion: Other regional conferences do not have GIFT Interest Groups. GIFT is a good place for graduate students to get involved for those starting careers in higher education.
4. Motion regarding the proposed changes in the bylaws. Kate Ksobiech/Rachel Murdock

2022 Conference Theme: “Re-Connect”:

1. Location: The Madison Concourse Hotel in Madison, WI
2. Date: March 30-April 3, 2022.
3. Theme Description from Conference Planner Debbie Ford:

“It is time to come together in person after our two years of very different conference circumstances. We made it through many challenges—let’s celebrate together! Our annual conference provides us an opportunity to re-connect with where with have been in our work, our discipline, and our lives overall. It also provides us with new opportunities: How can we forge new, more inclusive paths to expansive horizons in thought, creativity, expression, and scholarship?”

Elections:

1. Election for the position of Secretary.
 - a. No nominations prior.
 - b. Nominations from the floor: Jaclyn Shetterly
 - i. Elected for Secretary position by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 a.m.