

GRASP Meeting Minutes
11 September 2005, 3:00 p.m. Corwin-Larimore

Attendance: Joanna Marino, Julii Green, Kathy Korell, Bridget Hanson, Mark Goetz, Erica Hoff, Kristin Lowell, Naomi Hovendick, Sonia Marrone, Lisa Bemus, Karyn Plumm, April Bradley, Allison Finsted, Patrick Kerr, Caitlin Schultz

Motion was made to approve the minutes from May 2, 2005 and was approved.

BUSINESS

Website

The GRASP organizational website was updated as of Sept. 11. Currently there are only 3 bios for the graduate students. Sonia will send out an e-mail reminding people to send in their bios.

There is not currently a link to the website from the main psychology department website, but there will be soon.

Sonia suggested revisiting and expanding the first page of the website which includes a brief description of the organization. She opened it up to all to give feedback and other input on this page.

Workshops and Committees

SPSS workshop through the people at SPSS would be too expensive (nearly \$10,000) to conduct. So Karyn will now try to contact people on campus (stats/math dept., the University within the University) who might be willing to put on a workshop on how to use SPSS.

April suggested that she could contact Patrick Fryman to do a workshop of interventions for ODD. Sonia motioned that work be started in pursuing a workshop on ODD, Caitlin second and the motion passed unanimously. April will contact Dr. Fryman and give us updates on whether or not he is willing to do a workshop for us.

Sonia also suggested that a workshop of the use of software for presentations could be useful. She has a contact who would be willing to do it basically free of charge.

Revised Honor Code

A revised copy of the honor code was distributed and read aloud by Lisa.

A question was asked by Sonia about what would be done with this honor code once it was accepted by the voting membership.

- Will this be in the by laws?
- Will this be used to disqualify members who break the honor code from being members of GRASP?

A decision on exactly where this honor code will be kept in the GRASP record was tabled for another meeting.

A motion was made to accept the honor code pending a couple of grammatical changes by Sonia, Patrick second, motion passed unanimously.

Sweatshirts

Sonia forwarded the possibility of selling sweatshirts or other GRASP memorabilia for members to purchase by opening an online store through cafepress.com. This would allow GRASP to offer shirts and other items without having to front the money first. Basically, cafepress.com makes items on an order to order basis for a small fee and there is still opportunity for GRASP to make a profit from the sales.

A logo is needed before we can pursue this and Caitlin suggested having a contest to create a logo and then the voting membership would vote on their favorite. Sonia will send out a call for logos over the listserv and will also see what the profit margin will be on cafepress.com

Hurricane Relief Effort

Patrick suggested that GRASP try to organize a relief drive for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Some of the possible agencies to donate to are:

- Red Cross
- Second Harvest
- University of South Dakota Disaster Psychology

Because the University has some guidelines about how organizations can sponsor these relief efforts, Patrick will gather some more information before the organization begins any relief drive.

Some other ideas for relief funds:

- Not just in the psychology department but also in the Union
- Raffle

Northern Lights Conference

Sonia asked if there was any way that GRASP could get involved in the Northern Lights Conference. Karyn, who is a member of the Northern Lights Committee, was not sure at this point if there was a way to get our organization involved directly with the conference. There is a potential issue of space this year due to the popularity of the Guest Speaker, Bandura.

Karyn will know more about Dr. Bandura's schedule at the next Northern Lights Committee meeting and will let us know at the next meeting if there is a possibility for graduate students to have a dinner or lunch with Dr. Bandura and if there is any way that GRASP members can be involved with the conference itself.

Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting was scheduled for October 9 at 4:00.