

GRASP Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2006
Corwin-Larimore 140

In Attendance: Sonia Marrone, Mark Goetz, Katie Flannery, Patrick Kerr, Jessica Mugge, Christine Peat, Lisa Peterson, Troy Ertelt, Lindsay Ross-Stewart, Naomi Hovendick, Bridget Hanson, Alison Finstad, Caitlin Schultz, Steve Ross, and Erica Hoff.

Announcements

Sonia has updated the website with committee information.

Mark announced he sent an email regarding the first graduate student colloquium series on October 26th at 6:30 pm in Corwin-Larimore 302.

Patrick announced the Association for Psychological Science is holding a fundraising drive and encouraged membership for conference attendance benefits. See him for additional information.

Dues (\$10) were due to Naomi today.

Business

Committee Updates

Each committee reported their designated mission statements, goals, and any progress made since the previous meeting.

Website Committee → Sonia reported the goals the website committee hopes to accomplish this year. In particular, they are working toward developing a member webpage, adding a membership application to the page for those who want to join later in the year, training other members in how to use the website, and buying a computer for GRASP.

Professional Development Committee → Mark discussed the possibility of other graduate students becoming involved with the colloquium series. He mentioned potentially opening the series up to other students with presentations relevant to psychology.

Run Committee → Tentative dates for this year's run are April 14th or April 21st. The committee plans to start organizing more details at the end of this semester.

Workshop Committee → Troy reported that the committee originally booked a speaker for November 2nd, but cancelled due to potential conflicts with the faculty colloquium series. Sonia suggested planning a larger-scale project that carries out over one or two days instead of a colloquium-type event.

Troy also reported that the committee plans to meet to generate ideas and feedback from grad students re: potential workshops.

Questions were raised about the faculty colloquium series; namely, that it wasn't well publicized to the students. Bridget volunteered to find out more information about the faculty colloquium series.

Patrick also mentioned designating a liaison with the student representatives of the faculty committees. The liaison would maintain communication with the representative(s) regarding committee responsibilities. Katie and Patrick volunteered to contact each committee representative. A motion was made for a bylaw to have a “test run” with the liaison position.

Erica asked if GRASP is assisting with this year’s admissions process again. Sonia reported that in the past GRASP has organized the lunch with potential students and hopes to continue that tradition.

Peer Supervision Committee → Caitlin reported that the committee is working on defining what qualifies as peer supervision. Sonia recommended a faculty member from Winnipeg as a good contact for peer supervision information.

Teaching Track Information

Caitlin discussed the supervised teaching experience component of the teaching track as it relates to clinical students. Specifically, clinical students on placement are not able to teach within the department due to only ½ time requirements. Thus, they typically teach at other locations outside of Grand Forks. She mentioned requesting the last two teaching track courses to be offered in the summer to avoid conflicts. She also mentioned clarifying to students (possibly in the handbooks) what the goal of teaching is in the teaching track and to point out that the assumption is that clinical students will be able to teach within the department. Patrick, Caitlin, and Troy volunteered to form a Special Interest Group to pursue the issue.

The next meeting was set for November 19th at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.