Minutes: MESA officers meeting  
11/15/04, 4:30-5:15

present: Zelha, Ginger, Angel, Amy, Natasha; absent: Erin Cain (junior undergrad rep), Erin B, Jessica; visitors: Holly Anthony (TME editor)

I. Holly starts by talking about TME and making a recommendation that Ginger be the next TME editor. It’s unanimous—Ginger is the new 2005 TME editor.

II. Ginger explains Brian’s proposal for the monograph issue of TME for this summer on equity and social justice. He is hoping to publish in August. Brian will be taking on main role as editor and is thinking of about $200 in total costs. That means it may come out of the offshore account or new MESA budget for next year.
   a. Amy asks why a special issue—why not a regular issue? (What’s the definition of a monograph?)
   b. Ginger and Holly support the monograph and support Brian doing this.
   c. Natasha says 4 articles and maybe some outside articles—can only do 56 pages or so, says Holly.
   d. Amy says whoever is the next treasurer will need to work with Brian over the summer.
   e. MESA’s decision is to support the monograph—Brian should go ahead. However, this is not a decision about money—he will have to negotiate for money in August. One possibility is to charge for all printed versions of the monograph.

III. Ginger says $235 got billed to us from last year, so we are down that amount in the budget. She figured it out but doesn’t remember right now where it came from. Zelha asks about how past MESA board paid for things when there wasn’t money in the budget. Some discussion about perhaps this coming from OIT, but it seems like a lot of money to come from that.

IV. However, Ginger reports that we currently have $3149.43 in our MESA balance—that’s with every “bill” that has gone through so far this year.

V. Zelha asks if we should buy PME proceedings from the last few PME’s and PME-NA’s. Who will take care of this? Angel says okay, she will.

VI. Angel says look at the LEA website by November 16th to see if there’s anything you want to see or buy here.

VII. Natasha gives an update on community service project for MESA.
   a. Cleveland Rd Elementary School—playground equipment has been donated to the school and they want people to come on December 9th to come construct the playground. Need 150 people. Natasha will send an email out.
   b. Food bank of NE Georgia—food drive or clothing drive for the holidays? Natasha has been in touch with a director about what is needed and how to set it up. Where would we put our container, and Natasha will send out an email about it. Natasha will send an email out.
   c. Fund-raising: Jessica Ivey and Natasha have been working together on this. Jessica proposed doing a Kripy Kreme donut sale in the morning. Jessica priced it for a couple of days out of the week. How does this sound? Raising money for what purpose, asks Angel. Something specifically for the undergrads, perhaps, says Natasha.
d. Habitat for humanity is also an option—builds occur on Saturday. (Jessica also looked into this.)
e. Adopting a family for Xmas (Jessica also looked into this.) Basically you can donate a meal to that family for the holiday season.
f. Tutoring. One problem with tutorial program is consistency—students don’t always show up. Natasha has been in touch with Erik & Dennis about this. The idea was to try to establish a relationship with the schools for PRIME. Natasha is not sure that it’s worth it because of the inconsistent attendance.

VIII. RESA exam will not happen—Natasha has spoken with the woman in charge about it and reports that she is okay with MESA not being involved.

IX. Colloquia in general: Danny Martin can’t make it this semester. We discuss other names, who is coming, who could come. Natasha plans to send an email to all MESA members about names and suggestions to be given by 12/1/04. It’s important to get names soon in order to contact people—folks get so busy in the spring with all the conferences, etc.

X. Undergrad colloquia: Torian White, grad from UGA will talk to undergrads about pre-service experience. Last colloquia for fall semester 2004. Probably will be on a Thursday evening. Natasha wonders about asking the class about a good time for the colloquium.