

AEGS Meeting, August 31, 2016

All five board members present.

Updates by position

Brick – Updates on summer meeting regarding insurance issues.

Sareene – Website is up and working; will update when necessary.

Alex – Will work with Eric Griffin (History) for the English and History presentation series.

Jackie – update on AEGS financial situation. Need to think about how many travel grants we can afford for Fall.

General updates and ideas

- Setting up a resume session/alt-ac prep with either Dr. Longstreet or Career Center.
- Teaching opportunities for TAs in undergraduate lit classes; guest lecturing.
- Fundraising ideas: professional photography session, drinkware.
- Create and circulate a survey for the TAs on time spent on lesson prep and grading, with a focus on units 2 and 3 (RC1). This should be done by Thanksgiving.
- Service opportunities: what can we do for our community. Ideas include a 5K run and walk, resume reading, clothes drive, water drive, book drive, etc.

Goals for the 2016-17 academic year

- Solve our insurance problem.
- Be in communication with other graduate organization on campus.
- Create a new position on AEGS board for a Representative of RAs.
- Fundraising – double our current funds (\$575).
- Encourage professionalism within the department.
- Improve communication between faculty and graduate students to ensure professionalization of graduate students.
- Community bonding.