

Minutes: European Studies Executive Committee, 15 March 2012 Draft

Present: Dennis Domer, Marc Greenberg, Jon Giullian, Van Kelly, Taylor Leibbrandt, Dale Urie, Lorie Vanchena

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. The minutes from 23 February 2012 were approved.

Two new members of the Executive Committee (EC) were introduced: Taylor Leibbrandt, a senior European Studies Minor, and Jon Giullian, Librarian for Slavic and Eurasian Studies.

Updates

Two EURS events took place:

- lecture by Karen LaMonte, “Beauty & Catastrophe,” March 4, Spencer Museum of Art, approx. 50 in attendance
- lecture by Wynfrid Kriegleder, “A History of Austrian Literature: Why Do We Need It?” March 13, Max Kade Center, approx. 20 in attendance.

It was noted that EURS events are publicized electronically:

- CGIS e-letter: sign up at <http://global.ku.edu/events/index.shtml>
- Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/KU-Center-for-Global-International-Studies/283283274177>
- Twitter, http://twitter.com/#!/KU_CGIS

Upcoming event: Peter S. Soppelsa, Assistant Professor in the Department of the History of Science, University of Oklahoma, “Negotiating Urban Nature: Paris’s Water Shortages 1880-1914,” 4 p.m. Monday, April 14, Parlors, Kansas Union.

Lea Herron has suggested that European Studies organize an event on the bicentennial of the War of 1812, perhaps with Americanists, perhaps at the Dole Center or the Spencer Museum of Art (see <http://www.vist1812.com/events/?month=7&year=2-12&dateselectd=2012-7-4>). Vanchena will check with the History and English for possible panelists. Members also noted the upcoming anniversaries of World War I and the Russian Revolution.

The question was raised as to whether Dr. Manfred Stinnes can receive an honorarium for a lecture, for example, while a visiting scholar at KU. Greenberg will determine the answer.

Grant initiative: 12-14 faculty have responded so far. Herron feels that migration (historical and contemporary) might be one topic that can be pursued.

EURS website: the KU website is being redesigned so as to provide a user-based site that provides consistent navigation, nomenclature, and architecture as well as a consistent brand identity. Majors changes to our website must wait until summer, when new templates and administrative sites become available. In the meantime, we are adding information about EURS events, etc. Vanchena will also be asking graduating EURS co-majors and minors to provide a

photo and a brief text about their accomplishments at KU and their post-graduation plans for posting to the EURS website.

Vanchena will meet with Associate Dean Haufler after spring break to discuss the procedure for proposing a European Studies major.

By-laws. Associate Dean Marsha Haufler charged EURS with adding to the by-laws a process for recommending future coordinators. There was general consensus that in future the Coordinator should be selected by the Director of the Center for Global & International Studies in consultation with the EC and appointed by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Core Faculty, Affiliated Faculty, and Associate Members. Vanchena will e-mail a description of eligibility requirements and rights for Core Faculty, Affiliated Faculty, and Associate Members (as stated in the drafted by-laws) to all faculty whose teaching and/or research activities touch on Europe. Faculty will be asked to commit to a specific level of involvement (Core and Affiliated Faculty should be willing to advise senior and Honors theses in European Studies). Interested faculty will also be asked to submit a 2-page CV and brief statement of research and/or teaching interests. Members of the EC will review the applications. The list of Core and Affiliated Faculty and Associate Members will be posted to the EURS website.

It was noted that European Studies overlaps with the Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies: European Studies encompasses all of Europe except Russia. Traditionally, European Studies has not encompassed Turkey, but the EC in general agreed that it should.

Jana Krentz suggested that Karen S. Cook and Elspeth Healey, Special Collections, Spencer Research Library, be appointed as Affiliated Faculty.

Members noted the need to begin fundraising for scholarships, etc.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 5, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. in Blake 329.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 p.m.