

CSGS Executive Committee Meeting

April 10, 2024 at 12pm CST / 1pm EST

Officers Present: Jon Hakkila (President, University of Alabama Huntsville), Mary Farmer-Kaiser (Past President, University of Louisiana at Lafayette), Troy Terry (President-elect, University of North Georgia), Julie Goodliffe (Secretary, University of North Carolina Charlotte)

Executive Committee Members Present: Irene Pittman Aiken (University of North Carolina Pembroke), André Denham (University of Alabama), Desi Hacker (Norfolk State University), Annette Kluck (University of Mississippi), John Lopes (Clemson University), Sharon James McGee (East Tennessee State University), John Smith Jr. (Tougaloo College, ex-officio delegate of CHBGS President), Robert Wojtowicz (Old Dominion University), Morris Grubbs (University of Kentucky)

1:07 EST call to order.

Minutes: 3/16/24 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes were accepted as-is.

Greenville, SC Meeting

The committee discussed ways to adopt the Faculty Awards Committee recommendations, so they can be implemented in the upcoming awards cycle. The committee decided to discuss the recommendations and vote on whether to adopt them for the coming year. However, given pressing agenda items for this meeting, there was a motion: to postpone committee recommendation considerations to a later date. Ask committee chairs to provide mark-ups for changes for us to vote on at a later date. Motion passed.

Guidebook

One year renewal is coming but we're considering other options given the cost. Mary will ask CGS to find out if regional institutions can use their platform for the meeting. We also discussed whether Guidebook was meeting our needs. The ad-hoc program committee for Dallas will consider Guidebook or other platforms during the coming year, and in the meantime we're renew for one year.

Dallas

Third item first: June 12-14 is the Dallas site visit. \$650 is the maximum reimbursement for a plane ticket. Let Peter know if you're going ASAP.

Going to Dallas:

Irene

Jon

Troy

Annette

Desi

Robert

Morris
Andre
John Smith
John Lopes
Julie
Mary
Peter
Clay (Julie learned later)

Working on it:
Sharon

Dates for the conference in Dallas – SMU’s Spring Break dates have changed, and school will be in session during our originally planned meeting dates. Hotel contracts are set – can we get out of our hotel contract? Do hotels have conference space if we need that? Peter has reached out to Darla for advice and additional information.

SMU enrollment: 6300 students, how many will really be on campus two days before Spring Break? Does SMU have another space that’s not in the student union? SMU says they will move students out of classes and the area of our conference to accommodate, if we kept our original dates. An Officers’ meeting is needed as soon as Peter gets back; we will set up that meeting and invite the executive committee to come if they want.

Julie found (later) that the Highlands has a ballroom with capacity of 400 in rounds of 10, and 500 theater-style, plus 3 breakout rooms. That could also be set up with Ballroom I&II (300 at rounds and 400 theater), plus five breakout rooms. The latter wouldn’t be necessary if we kept the SMU Graduate School space for the 3MT heats and breakouts after lunch, as was the plan. Notes from Dallas: the plan was to spend the mornings having food and plenaries, followed by 3MT heats and breakouts in the SMU Graduate School after lunch.

Information we need: are the hotels available during SMU’s changed Spring Break? How much will it cost to change to those dates? If we keep the original dates, how much will it cost to change SMU’s contract, and are the hotels big enough? If the Highlands ballroom is big enough, would we want to use one big ballroom for both plenaries and food?

Site Visit Items

Conference theme

BIG, since everything is big in Dallas. Mustangs? Ponies, horses? Carhenge? Open the borders of graduate education.

Good of the order. Adjourned 1:59 EST