

48th University Seminars General Committee Meeting

November 6, 2013

Faculty House

Minutes

Introductions made by Robert Remez

Remembrances:

George Andreopoulos spoke about Peter Juviler

Raymond Bulman

Frank Moretti

Report of the Chair of the Advisory Board

Herbert Terrace and Ester Fuchs will leave the advisory board

Nomination of Paige West and Jim Jordan

Nominations carry

No other nominations were brought forward

Annual Report of the Director

Introduction of new and revised seminars since 2012

Financial Report:

-University Seminars' income comes from an endowment made by Jane Bello

-This fiscal year, we have returned some of the yield of our endowment to its principal

Proposals for next year's budget:

-Rapporteurs may submit timesheets of up to 10 hours; chairs must approve and justify any larger number of hours

-The University Seminars will continue to subsidize dinners and wine for seminars

-We will now ask organizers of public and private conferences to show in their applications that other organizations will share the costs

-Rapporteurs may submit a timesheet for up to 20 hours for a conference

-Chairs should think about a way to commemorate the 50th anniversary in 2015 with a 21st century equivalent of a book

Discussion:

Bob Pollack clarified the rapporteur payment policy

Someone asked about the policy regarding finding a new rapporteur for a seminar; Alice clarified the policy

Ron Gross suggested we think about Ernest Boyers priorities in higher education

Someone asked for a deadline clarification on suggestions for the 50th birthday, which would then be distributed for chairs

Jerry Spivak suggested the topic should be how education is connected to the outside world

Bill Luhr suggested that the book is not disappearing, but they are called “platforms” – combining different materials. Suggested looking at other materials, such as filmed conferences or statements

Bob Pollack clarified that he takes Tannenbaum at his word and that the privacy of the seminars is what is missing from massive online education

Someone suggested that an interdisciplinary approach should be central to the anniversary

Budget proposals voted on, and carried.

Alice gave an update on the concerns of Faculty House employees

-Holiday tipping is starting again officially

-If a seminar member would like to contribute to the wait staff, the best way would be through the holiday fund. Cards are available on the table. Can be mailed in. It’s up to chairs how they would want to deal with it.

Contributions made through the seminar should go directly through Faculty House. Checks should be made out “Faculty House Employees Fund”. The fund will be divided amongst everyone who works in the building.

-Packets and Website contain lots of great information about forms and policies.

Archive Update:

-We have been making progress on a project of making the seminars’ archive available to scholars of intellectual history in conjunction with the library.

-Should become available to library users in Fall 2013

-Robert Belknap has been working as the archivist

-Our archive happens to be contiguous with the space used by EPIC

News:

-Tannenbaum/ Warner award will go to Roxie Smith at the Annual Dinner

-Schoff Lectures will be given by Paige West, chair of Ecology and Culture
“Accumulation by Dispossession: Loss, Change, and the Future of the Melanesian Pacific”

Announcements:

-Members and Associate Members need to be approved and paperwork submitted; ask your members if they would like to be an official member; see the website

-The library does not allow associate members to use productivity software; there is a visiting scholar position for associate members who are in the middle of research and really need access, including remote access; this is a limited opportunity

Meeting Adjourned at 4:58pm