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 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 becomes 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