

Minutes for April 12, 2013 WRHC Business Meeting (9:00am)

1. Call to order, 8:30am (Otero)
2. Approval of minutes (Scott)
3. Financial report (Scott)
4. Reminder to upcoming conference coordinators about *Scribendi* reception (Scott)
5. Reminder that fee schedule for 2014 conference needs to be approved at the Nov. 2013 business meeting (Scott)
6. Discussion of 2013 conference: information given about how coordinator and conference committee chose keynote speaker; how participants were to register for the Lowell Observatory night visit; how committee selected and accepted student presentations (a faculty-student joint committee read all proposals, ranked them according to a numerical matrix, met frequently to discuss all proposals and especially those that seemed problematic, and shaped the conference presentations along numerous themes and groupings; problematic proposals were addressed by the coordinator through an email to the presenters and their mentors and/or program directors, so that students had a chance to revise their proposals for resubmission); what the budget was for this conference; and the financial issues that the coordinator might anticipate, once the conference finished. It was anticipated that the modest registration fee increase would allow the 2013 conference to break even, provided that the High Country Conference Center kept to its original estimates of cost per presenter. (Hansen)
7. Advertisement for 2014 conference (Moritz)
8. Discussion about where subsequent conferences would be held (Valentine et al.)
9. Discussion of 2012 Grand Canyon Semester: the GCS was very well received; the teaching was inspired and of very high quality; and the experience was appropriately interdisciplinary and life-changing for many students (Gumerman)
10. Discussion of goings-on within the region's honors programs: news, kudos, curricular changes, etc.
11. *Scribendi* news: digital art was now going to be omitted from the publication and replaced by a category called "open media." (Scribendi rep)
12. Announcement of retirements: Rosalie Otero and Libby Walker. Presentation of plaque and gifts to Otero (Scott)
13. Meeting adjourned 9:20am (Scott)