

## SOGI Caucus Business Meeting 2017 – Minutes

For next year's CSCA (2018):

- Milwaukee, WI
- Block room rates of \$149 flat rate
- Complimentary internet
- Pet friendly hotel
- Conference theme: Difference
- Preconference – April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Conference days: April 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>
- Considering extended sessions
- Master classes with senior scholars
- Faculty learning community
  - Focusing on having difficult conversations in the classroom
- Keynote speaker on Thursday night
  - Looking for a reflective and interesting speaker

Update from this year:

- 8 papers
- There's been a decline in paper submissions in recent years, how can we fix this?
- Secretary election
  - Justin Rudnick is the new secretary!

Conference for next year:

- Ideas for panels and increasing paper submissions:
  - Session on importance of pronouns
  - Also how to integrate it into the classroom
    - Disrupting the norm
  - Panel together – just to ask what it means to be concerned with difference in this community in the first place?
    - “There are big differences” – well, what are they?
    - Intersectionality within our caucus
    - Cosponsoring with the women's studies caucus to talk about connection of queer and feminist studies – what is the role there?
  - Queering Kenneth Burke
    - Scholarship debates (Burkian perspective versus queer scholars)
    - Maybe it can be a “both, and” – take the topic and invite others (possible topics: transgender bathrooms – what's the difference?)
  - Milwaukee – Queer Center, maybe take a field trip there and partner with them for an event?
- Applied research – have scholars and community members meet up and discuss
- Increasing submissions

- This year's conference fell in March and over Spring Break so numbers are down in general
  - Submission deadline for next year is Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Target students in your gender and queer studies/sexuality classes and prepare projects for submission
- How transparent is our call for submissions? Let's make it clear exactly what we are looking for!
  - We are interested in the whole spectrum of the topic (sexual health, gender issues as well)
  - Reach out to instructors and CRTNET for them to share the call for submissions
  - Mass email to instructors and directors
- Queer Theory Master Class
  - Master class on Queer Studies
  - Think of who you might want to see speak on this
  - NOT your grandma's safe zone
  - Tony Adams & Jimmie Manning are potential possibilities for who could teach this
  - Queer of color critique literature and discussion
  - Intersection versus intersectionality
  - Draw in tech people
  - Queer video games/how gender and race work/are navigated in virtual spaces
- Young professional queer networking in Milwaukee, WI – maybe have a mixer to meet up and discuss?

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