

**Interest Group Meeting Minutes  
Communication, Identities, and Difference  
WSCA, Seattle, February 23, 2019**

**I. Welcome**

- a. Attendance sheets and handouts for meeting distributed. Meeting convened at 5:48 pm, M. Holling welcomes CID members and asks attendees to review agenda and previous minutes and introduces officer.
- b. CID is approved on a probationary period. We are in year one of two.
- c. M. Holling offers heartfelt thanks for members joining.

**II. Approvals**

- a. Motion to approve agenda -- Agenda approved unanimously
- b. Motion to approve minutes -- Minutes approved unanimously

**III. Reports**

- a. 2018/19 planning
  - i. 16 panels + business meeting were programmed this year combination of competitive papers and competitive panels. Data was reported in handout to members (see pp. 5-6)
    - Papers received: 50 from which 7 of sessions created. Accepted: 28 (56%); Rejected: 22 (44%)
    - Panels received: 11 [Accepted 7 for 63% and rejected 4 for 36%]
  - ii. CID had agreements with other interest groups to split slots for scheduling panels. Conflict of interest reviewing one panel. Therefore, reviewers made independent decision
- b. Budget -- Received \$200, officers consulted about use and amounts for top paper awards
- c. Membership numbers -- Outreach by chair and secretary to WSCA members who signed petition for CID creation to encourage them to become members of CID. Following those efforts and general members affiliating with CID, there's been exponential increase in CID membership. Last count 130

**IV. New Business/Action Items**

- a. Bylaws
  - i. Last year, cmte seated. Appreciation to Shadee Abdi and Dreama Moon for their work (consulting other IG's Bylaws, drafting for CID, discussion & revising) as well as fellow officers for their contributions. Draft of Bylaws sent electronically to members in advance of convention via WSCA website
  - ii. Question about election (M. Lechuga). Will there be a succession for officers? M. Holling clarifies policy regarding elections

- iii. Discussion of Bylaws:
  - 1. K. Brooks makes suggestion to change disability language to ability. Friendly amendment to make that change. All in favor. Passed/amendment made
  - 2. M. Holling explained purpose of student representative
  - 3. M Holling discussed future positions that could be added later such as social media position. Perhaps now the best thing to do during the probationary period is to have secretary take on this role.
  - 4. Section 6 Article 4 (K. Ono) Can we delete "In addition to other duties directed by the chair." A. Cuomo suggested "in addition to others area of interest" to focus on the student's needs and interests rather than the chair. This is not a job rather a position. Friendly amendment -- All in favor
  - 5. Why was there a requirement to be tenured or tenure track to be chair or vice chair? Stability, institutional support, chair and vice chair have to be in a position for multiple years. Could be a 4-year or 2-year institution
    - a. Section 1, final sentence, in Article 5 motion to strike "all" in regard to elections of officers – Voted, All in favor
  - 6. G. Dickinson concerned about institutional support for the student representative. Wants to bring awareness about this possibility
    - a. M. Holling reports that attendance at meetings is not necessarily required, can send feedback or suggestions to officers.
  - 7. K Ono: Who elects the student representative: the students or the whole body?
    - a. Member thinks ORWAC have everyone vote
    - b. Member thinks that students should vote for the student representative because it represents them
    - c. Another member has concern that if there is not someone who knows them or supports them there may not be enough support
    - d. Do we need a quorum of students for vote?
    - e. Friendly amendment to add the sentence "student representatives to be nominated by students and elected by the whole body." Motion seconded & Approved
    - f. Motion (and seconded) to approve Bylaws. Approved, no nays
- b. Future WSCA at Honolulu or Alaska?
  - i. Request made to Pres. Heisterkamp from Time & Place committee. WSCA Pres. asked interest groups to solicit member interest and/or concerns about a future WSCA convention in either location.
    - 1. Question about if members from these states ever ask or have trouble going to other cities?
    - 2. Suggestion to plan these cities during when ICA is in North America

3. G. Dickinson raises concern about the cost and has concerns about it being prohibitive “WSCA is such a wonderful conference because of the availability and accessibility. “
4. Member question: Is the president looking for consensus?  
Just preliminary stage of asking if members are interested in either of these locations. Time and Place committee put a hold on considering the locations until feedback obtained from WSCA members.
5. Member address concern about the cost and the lack of audience when they presented at Western. Funding is a big concern for “mainlanders.” Could WSCA fundraise and support first grad students and then assistant professors to help support them? Concern if this would happen

Motion to extend meeting by 15 minutes; Seconded and passed

**V. Elections – with Bylaws approved, proceeded to items**

- a. Nominations for Chair
  - i. T Taylor suggests M. Holling consider self-nomination, who does so and delivered statement of interest.
  - ii. Nominations from others – none rec’d, nominations closed.
  - iii. M. Holling elected as chair by acclamation.
- b. Nominations for Chair-Elect
  - i. (Self) nominations: Toniesha Taylor and Sergio Juarez
    1. Each candidate delivered statement of interest. Candidates asked to step out of room during voting. M. Lechuga counted votes and reported to Secretary and Chair.
    2. T. Taylor elected by majority vote.
- c. Nominations for Secretary
  - i. Nominations: Sergio Juarez (nominated by M. Lechuga) and Bobbi Van Gilder (nominated by A. Cuomo)
    1. Each candidate delivered statement of interest. Candidates asked to step out of room during voting. M. Lechuga counted votes and reported to Secretary and Chair.
    2. S. Juarez elected by majority vote.
- d. Nominations for Student Representative
  - i. Nominated: Kamela (Kami) Rasmussen (UNM), Ana Terminel Iberri (ASU), Haley Otis (CSU), Bernardita Yunis (DU).
  - ii. Each candidate delivered a statement of interest. Candidates asked to step out of room during voting. M. Lechuga tabulated votes and reported to Secretary and Chair.
  - iii. Ana Terminel Iberri (ASU) elected by majority vote.

Motion to extend meeting by 5 additional minutes; seconded and passed

**VI. Awards**

- a. Top Paper – Marnie Ritchie from Pacific Lutheran University, “Fusing Race: The Phobogenics of Racializing Surveillance”
- b. Top Student Paper – Ana Terminel Iberri from Arizona State University, “Zumba as Resistencia”
- c. Top Debut Paper – Kamela (Kami) Rasmussen from University New Mexico, “Your Hair is Dry/Oily: An Exploration of Multiracial Identity, Performance, and Power Through Narratives of Hair”

**VII. 2020 Program Planning**

- a. Next year’s theme announced
- b. IG planners advised by Pres-Elect Niles Goins that due to costs of AV, those who require AV will be grouped together in panels regardless of content/theme of individual presentations.
- c. Those who are submitting panels need to create individual profiles for each member prior to submitting.

**VIII. Announcements from Members**

- a. Editor made announcements

Respectfully submitted by A. Cuomo, Secretary of CID, 2018-2019

**Sponsored Panels by Communication, Identities, and Difference Interest Group**

Panel session #s: 3101, 3210, 3212, 3312, 3314, 3512, 3513, 3706, 3806, 4101, 4105, 4205, 4206, 4313, 4512, 4612, 5112, 5212, 5304

Number	Name	Presented By:
3101	2020 INTEREST GROUP PLANNERS -- <i>meeting</i>	Communication, Identities and Difference
3210	ADVOCATING FOR RESEARCH? APPROACHES TO SCHOLARSHIP ON, WITH, AND ABOUT THE INCARCERATED	<b>Communication, Identities and Difference</b> and Performance Studies Interest Groups
3212	QUEER/QUARE INTERSECTIONS WITH GENDER, SEXUALITY, AND NATIONALISM	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
3314	ALLIES AND ADVOCATES, REVISITED: THE PERFORMANCE OF FAILING TOGETHER/APART IN AND ACROSS DIFFERENCES	Intercultural Communication, <b>Communication, Identities and Difference</b> , Language and Social Interaction, and Performance Studies Interest Groups
3512	OF RACE, GENDER, SEXUALITY AND VULNERABILITY: MEDIATED SPECTACLES OF MIGRATION	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
3513	CIS-HETERONORMATIVITY WITHOUT EVIDENCE: PHOBIAS AND IRRATIONAL FEARS CONCEALED	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
3706	TOP PAPERS IN COMMUNICATION, IDENTITIES AND DIFFERENCE	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
3806	COMMUNICATION, IDENTITIES & DIFFERENCE (Salon C) – Business Meeting	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
4101	EVIDENCE OF WHAT? TEACHING EVALUATIONS AND PROFESSOR IDENTITY IN THE CLASSROOM	Co-Presented by Communication and Instruction and <b>Communication, Identities and Difference</b> Interest Groups
4105	COMIDA ES VIDA: NEGOTIATING AND PERFORMING LATINA/O/X IDENTITIES THROUGH FOOD	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
4205	EVIDENCE AND AFFECT: MYRIAD THEORIZATIONS OF THE BLASEY FORD/KAVANAUGH AND HILL/THOMAS SENATE HEARINGS AS NEW KINDLE FOR 'ANTIQUATED' CULTURE WARS	Co-Presented by Organization for Research on Women and Communication, <b>Communication, Identities and Difference</b> , Freedom of Expression and

		Political Communication, Interpersonal Communication, Media Studies, Organizational Communication and Rhetoric and Public Address Interest Groups
4206	WHO'S ACCOMMODATING WHOM? - (IN)VISIBLE IDENTITIES IN HIGHER EDUCATION	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
4313	IN THE PURSUIT OF JUSTICE, ALLIANCES, AND ALLEGIANCE(S)	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
4512	METAPHORICAL AND LITERAL BORDERS: IDENTITY POLITICS IN THE GRAY AREA	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
4612	FATTENING COMMUNICATION STUDIES: CRAFTING A CRITICAL INTERSECTION BETWEEN FAT STUDIES AND COMMUNICATION SCHOLARSHIP	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
5112	EXAMINING MARGINALIZATION--SMOKERS, ATHEISTS, LESBIANS, AND STEREOTYPES	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
5212	IDENTIFYING WITH, AND ADVOCATING FOR, WOMEN OF COLOR IN COLLEGE AND BEYOND	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group
5304	HEARING, SEEING, AND VISUALIZING OTHERS	Communication, Identities and Difference Interest Group