

WSCA Communication & Instruction Interest Group  
2020 Business Meeting Minutes  
Denver, CO  
February 22, 2020

2019-2020 Chair: Kimberly Noreen Aguilar  
2019-2020 Vice Chair: Kendra Dyanne Rivera  
2019-2020 Secretary: Audrey Deterding

- I. 12:02pm Called to order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes from 2019
  - a. Approved subject to changes
  - b. Changes
    - i. top date from February 2<sup>th</sup> to February 24<sup>th</sup> with actual date of meeting and not a range
    - ii. Fix Juliane Mora's name to be spelled correctly
  - c. Approval: Moved by Brandi Lawless/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Patty O'Keefe
- IV. Report on 2020 Convention
  - a. 12 papers received/9 accepted (75% acceptance)
  - b. 15 panels received/8 accepted (53% acceptance)
  - c. 12 total panels scheduled (3 paper panels, 8 panels, 1 exemplary teacher panel)
  - d. Consistent with previous years which has been 10.5- 12.5
  - e. Chair thanked reviewers, panel chairs, respondents
- V. Celebrate 2020 Awardees
  - a. Exemplary Teachers: Yea-Wen Chen & Brandi Lawless
  - b. Top Three Papers
    - i. *Sounds About White: Critiquing the NCA Standards for Public Speaking Competency*; Adam Key, University of Arkansas at Monticello (top paper)
    - ii. *Mutually Informing: Social Justice Pedagogies in the Communication Studies Classroom to Inspire and Revitalize our Scholarship for Meaningful Change*; Courtney Leigh Burks, San Jose State University (top student paper)
    - iii. *Deconstructing the Traditional Classroom: Ecocultural Connections for Environmental Justice*; Jaelyn deMaria, University of New Mexico and Karen Roybal, Colorado College
- VI. Old Business
  - a. In previous years, group used two rubrics: one for data-driven papers, one for lit reviews, but we can't do that in AI. Discussion with agreement to move to one combined rubric and allow Chair to have permission to "finesse" the rubric. Will also move away from radial button scores to a text box for a number entry.
  - b. Moved by Heather Crandall/2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Gotch.
  - c. Motion carried

- VII. Elections for 2021 Officers
  - a. Vice Chair/Chair 2 year position:
    - i. Sergio Fernando Juarez (self nomination); elected by majority vote
  - b. Secretary 1 year position:
    - i. Adam Key (self nomination); elected by acclimation
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Kimberly Noreen Aguilar handed over meeting to new chair, Kendra Dyanne Rivera
  - b. Discussion of possible papers/panels to 2021 theme (Cultivate)
    - Relationships with students
    - Partnerships across campus
    - Community Engagement
    - Online teaching (cultivating engagement)
    - Inclusiveness and facilitation of knowledge
    - Care/Caring
    - Cultivating/nurturing new instructors
    - Cultivating curiosity/courage/critical thinking
    - Weeding out/removing (policies/syllabus/"old" ways of doing things)
    - Conscientious removal
    - Harvesting (assessment/term projects/service learning, etc)
  - c. 2021 conference in Irvine, CA.
    - i. Rooms are \$159/night; free shuttle to/from hotel/John Wayne airport
  - d. Basic Course Conference in 2021; clarification that Toneisha Taylor is the coordinator and we may encourage members in C&I to submit, as many of us teach the basic course
  - e. Discussion of by-law changes
    - i. Add exemplary teacher award info (maybe to Section VIII and create Section 3.)
      - 1. Committee for awarding the Exemplary teacher award?
    - ii. Remove any gender binary wording to singular they
    - iii. Do we need a policy and procedures document?
    - iv. Discussion of changing name of interest group
    - v. Discussion is tabled until meeting next year in Irvine. Members were encouraged to communicate with incoming chair Kendra Dyanne Rivera to join committees on by-law/exemplary teacher and for interest group name change.

IX. Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

- Submitted by outgoing Secretary Audrey Deterding with edits from outgoing Chair Kimberly Aguilar and incoming Chair Kendra Dyanne Rivera.