

## Meeting, Medieval and Renaissance Studies Center Board

February 28, 2019

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jacob Baum

John Beusterien

Peter Briggs

Julie Couch

Janis Elliott

Angela Mariani

Abigail Swingen

AGENDA

1. Report: meeting with Arts and Sciences Dean
  - a. Funding was renewed for this year
  - b. Discussion of whether A & S might be looking for more undergrad engagement from us; this led to a renewed discussion re/ developing an undergraduate minor
2. Report: meeting with VPA Dean
  - a. Dean preferred to limit funding support to matching funds that would be provided by VPA units
3. Discussion of budget numbers
  - a. In the course of this discussion, AS suggested that we should make an appointment to speak to Dr. Heppert at the Office of Research and Innovation (formerly the Office of the Vice President for Research)
  - b. Plan made to arrange meeting to talk about long-term strategies and ways to promote MRSC faculty research
4. Courses for 2019-2020
  - a. MRST5301 will be taught by Jacob Baum SP2020. Discussion of ways to increase enrollment; AM trying to get Early Music Performance Practice certificate students to double up with MRSC certificate
  - b. Discussion of courses that need to be added to MRSC Certificate list
  - c. Noted that English is no longer cancelling classes before the end of registration, but rather only offering courses that they expect to make minimum enrollment
5. Report: digitization of MRSC paperwork – thanks and congrats to Janis Elliott and Mona Bozorgi
6. Discussion of small travel grants given to 2 students
7. Report: Website meeting with Lemon
  - a. Website will be updated, additional materials especially on front page of site
8. Facebook Page

- a. Up and running; events and other items for inclusion on the FB page should be sent to Angie (angelamariani.smith@ttu.edu)
9. SCRC update-discussed various aspects of upcoming SCRC conference
10. Other:
- a. JB offered info about March 22-23 “Assembling Animals” conference (Humanities Center/Comp Lit) keynote, Spanish scholar from UC Davis
  - b. JE raised the issue of the continuation of the MARTIN graduate student group (Sarah Sprouse)
  - c. The use of the Arts Research Collaboratory for MRSC meetings/talks was discussed