PGSSLC Minutes Autumn Term, Meeting 1 Thursday 8th December 2022

Apologies: Daniel Katz (Convenor MA in Critical and Cultural Theory), Caitlin Vandertop (Convenor MA in World Literature)

Attendance: Ross Forman (Director of Graduate Studies), Teresa Grant (Convenor MA in English and Drama), Andrew Calvert (Library Representative), Michael Meeuwis (Convenor MA in English Literature), Kimberley Richardson (MA Representative for World Literature)

Chair: Grace Rhyne

1. Introduction of new PGSSLC Representatives

2. PGT Matters

- -Discussion of induction for international students
- -MA students have questions regarding the lack of lectures
- -RF suggests that they might need to communicate that better online
- -Group discussion about some PG students feeling a lack of connection
- -Students are expected to take the lead in terms of organizing social events, though department can help with space if needed

3. PGR Matters

- -GR suggests need for improved communication between PGSSLC and students
- -TG will help create an anonymous tip box for the PGSSLC website
- -RF reiterates need for PGSSLC representatives to be present at induction events

4. Any other business

- -Myka Tucker-Abramson will need an MA representative from the PGSSLC at TALC meetings
- -New academic support librarian, Sarah Akhtaruzzaman will be in place beginning in January
- -There is still no MA Critical and Cultural Theory representative, TG suggests she may have a student who can fill the roll