**WBH Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 29, 2016**

12-1 PM, SCHAR 3019

Attendees: James Chase Sanchez, Angela Moore, Wilton Wright, Chase Shanafelt, Kayla Sparks, Kaylee Henderson, Sara Kelm, Ashley Hughes, Danny Rodriguez, Tim Ballingall, Jongkeong Kim, Rachel Chapman, Richard Enos, Ann George, Carrie Leverenz, Brad Lucas, Kassia Waggoner, Charlotte Hogg

Meeting began at 12:10p with an introduction of president Rachel Chapman.

Business

Rachel discussed the purposes and membership of WBH. WBH provides a forum for rhetoricians at TCU, and the student chapter specifically addresses graduate student needs and concerns. Anyone can join! You don’t have to be a member to come to meetings. We do need 10 student members to be considered chapter. Dues are $10, and RSA grad membership (1 yr) is $50. Membership should not be cost-prohibitive; Radford funds are available for new members.

Rachel passed around an email sheet and talked about the new student member profiles on the website. An online form for these member profiles will be mailed out to those on the email list. The website will also feature blog entries documenting events, promoting our graduate students and program. A new member survey for fall will also be emailed to the member email sheet and put on website.

Speaker Round Table

Members of the roundtable: Richard Enos, Brad Lucas, Charlotte, Hogg, Ann George, Chase Sanchez, and Kassia Waggoner.

Those who attended RSA 2016 last year discussed their experience at the conference. RSA 2016 was in Atlanta, GA, and as biennial conference, provides a smaller forum than huge conferences like CCCC. The “R” of RSA is broadly constructed, and conference presentations address comp and literacy work.

Faculty and graduate students spoke about their experience at the conference. They identified trends they have noticed in the last few years at RSA (such as cultural rhetoric), and they highlighted the importance of having good presentation etiquette, particularly regarding timing and argument organization. The speakers all felt that TCU prepared presenters to be effective presenters. The speakers also emphasized that another key to a strong conference presentation is clearly situating your argument in relevant research conversations within the field, clearly identifying the perspective you are speaking from. Speakers also indicated the use of social media is a great way to engage with ideas and scholars at the conference, as well as attending networking events/mixers.

Each individual spoke highly of the professional and personal benefits of attending RSA, as attending the conference provides a chance for both networking and engaging with new arguments within rhetoric.

Meeting ended at 12:55p.