

2011 WSSA Committee Progress Report February, 2012

Committee Code and Name: F4 and W21, merge into F4

Committee Chair: Jason Ferrell and Chad Brommer (both will serve as committee chair for one year to ensure a smooth transition into a single committee).

Committee Members, 2012:

Brommer, Chad*	2012-S
Ferrell, Jason*	2012-S
Morales-Payan, Pablo	2013-S
Joseph Yenish	2013-W
James Breuninger	2014-ex-off
Jason Belcher	2014- S
Weirich, Jason	2014-NC/S
Huff, Jonathan	2014-NC
Jacob Barney	2015-NC/S

Board Coordinator: Sarah Ward (W21)

Committee Members Rotating Off: Randy Anderson, Bobby Haygood, Dawn Refsell Neal Stewart, Sarah True

Suggested Replacements: Developing a set of replacements from the online form located at the WSSA.net page. The new WSSA graduate student president is also a member of the committee. We actively solicit the student awardees of the annual travel grant to be a part of the committee.

2011 Summary of Activities (through January 2012)

- What are the committee's goals for 2012?
Merge F4 and W21 into a single committee listed at F4.
Modify the SOP for F4 to include goals and outcomes of the former W21 committee.
Develop a list of action items for 2012 and the 2013 annual meeting.
Establish section of page dedicated to F4 on the WSSA web site. Redirect W21 materials from WSSA website into the F4 area.
Coordinate the Graduate Student Travel Grant to attend the 2013 annual meeting in Maryland. Conducted search, selected candidates, and continued to work with Allen Press to distribute the awards to graduate students. Organize student awardees into a work schedule for the 2013 meeting to assist Allen Press and WSSA with the coordination of the annual meeting.
- List the committee's accomplishments (through January 2012):
Solicited applications for the Graduate Student Travel Grant to attend the 2012 annual meeting in Hawaii. Conducted search, selected candidates, and continued to work with Allen

Press to distribute the awards to graduate students. Organize student awardees into a work schedule for the 2012 meeting to assist Allen Press and WSSA with the coordination of the annual meeting.

- What information was posted on the WSSA website?
Updates to the grant symposium under the professional development committee.
- Were funds requested for 2011? How much was spent?
None
- What was the impact of the committee activities/accomplishments on the following: membership, publication, policy, legislation, and/or education?
- What is the current state of the committee's projects and activities?
The new, joint committee is in the stage of planning for the activities of 2012. An action plan will be put together for the upcoming year while in Hawaii.

2012 Plan for Committee Activities

- Other Goals for 2012: In progress of planning new goals. Symposium on graduate student transition into the work force is a possibility.
- Plan of Action: Develop an outline and plan for the symposium. Compile a list of speakers to discuss the transition into the workforce.

Recommendations for Board/Society Action:

- Funds requested for 2012: None at this time.
- Other requests for the Board: None at this time.