2021 SIGWROC First Committee Meeting

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Module: Virtual
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Meeting Agenda

1. Review roles and responsibilities.
2. Review Google Drive area for communication management.
3. SIGWROC meeting planning. Review the proposal and delegate who and what to do for our prep.
4. Document and communicate our scholarship and service: persistent materials and resources. Discuss what might be done with our website and who can help there.
5. Build coalitions across other groups and committees. Discuss how we might start this work locally and at 4Cs.
6. Organize a symposium for our work. This one seems like too much to do this academic year, but we should start discussing our plans. We could perhaps consider an 'unconference' format online during these pandemic times.

Meeting Notes

- Introductions all around!
- **Roles & responsibilities**: Currently these are brainstormed-roles that the original SIGWROC committee came up with. This first year will help to lay out the infrastructure for future years.
  - **Chair** (Chris): lead meetings, serves as point person, CCCCs liaison, annual reports
  - **Assistant Chair** (Brandee): assists chair, conducts elections, serves as liaison for other relevant SIGs and consortiums

- **Communications Officer** (Cara): managing communication channel (like the [website](#)), takes meeting minutes
- **Members At Large** (Alfred & Sarah): assisting with planning activities & provides graduate student insights
- **Potential Future Role**: Social media manager??
- **SIGWROC meeting planning.** Review the [CCCCs 2022 proposal](#) and delegate who and what to do for our prep.
  - Chris will look into CCCCs modalities; do they offer virtual, hybrid, or in-person modalities?
  - Our pitch & 2 main goals:
    - **Building programmatic infrastructure**. What is the scope of our infrastructure? Beginning with our own infrastructure (what we have done so far), what we can do to support other scholars, and how they may bring it to their own research/institutions/programs.
    - **Supporting SIG members**. Brainstorm goals. Maybe this is where the activity can come from?
      - Activity**:** Add to our bibliography & documentation? (Brandee's idea)
      - Mentorship: Mentorship for grad students (Alfred's idea)
- **Document & Documentation:** Document and communicate our scholarship and service: persistent materials and resources. Discuss what might be done with our website and who can help there.
  - Website (https://wroc.netlify.app/)
  - [Bibliography](#) & Keywords. Maybe annotated?
  - List of Resources (learning to code, DH stuff, etc)
  - Begin stabilizing our field a bit more! Who are the people? Where are the programs?
- **Coalition Building**: Build coalitions across other groups and committees. Discuss how we might start this work locally and at 4Cs. Let's define our coalition building.
  - **Other SIGs & disciplines**: Reaching across to other SIGs and cultivating relationships with other groups.
    - Inter-disciplinary: social sciences, computational social sciences, communication, media, digital humanities, surveillance studies, information science, etc..
      - Sarah will be going to the [Surveillance Studies](#) conference in the Netherlands at…some point! She can pitch our field!

- - - Intra-disciplinary: committees within rhet/comp. What other groups can we build relationships with, especially to center justice, race, and gender. [Other CCCCs SIGs](#).
      - What **CFPs** can we contribute to?
  - **Mentor Program**: Beginning to build up a mentor program for grad students who are interested in WROC (Alfred's idea). Mentor program? Mentor program!
      - Cara & Brandee are interested in mentoring!
      - How do we communicate mentorship?
          - Update the website
          - Add people who are interested in mentoring (like a diss committee, people you can contact, job market stuff, etc.).
      - Look at other CCCCs-oriented programs.
  - **Social Media**: Social media roles & blogging (similar to Sweetland Digital Rhetoric Collective) down the line. Potentially building funds and such!
- **Symposium**: Organize a symposium for our work. This one seems like too much to do this academic year, but we should start discussing our plans. We could perhaps consider an 'unconference' format online during these pandemic times.

Goals for This Year

- **Bibliography:** Creating an annotated bibliography and list of resources we can put on the website.
- **Mentorship**: Building a mini mentorship program! Ideas:
  - Find folks who are interested in mentoring and being mentored
  - Advertise it on the website
  - Set up mini mentor meetings during CCCCs
  - Build into communication mode
- **Inter-/Intra-disciplinary work:** Come up with a list of committees, programs, and such
- **Communication Modes:** Methods for communication that are not email. Options for software or third party apps. Not just for the committee, but a space for the group itself.
  - Maybe Teams or a similar message board?
  - Slack?
  - Discord?
  - Twitter at some point?
- **Objectives**: Conversations about our objectives for new roles & SIGWROC in general
- **Funding**: Let's get some money at some point!

Action Items for Next Meeting(s)

- **Draft Mission Statement and Goals**: Draft up mission statement and goals to then bring the CCCCs SIGWROC meeting!
- **Bibliography:** Figure out bibliography.
  - Chris: plug in fields/info needed per entry
  - Each person tries to include 10 sources before next meeting; annotations if available and you have the energy
- **Mentoring**: Come up with examples and ideas for mentorship program to begin brainstorming
  - Invention doc for ideas
  - Each person share 1-2 examples ideas before next meeting
- **Meeting Minutes**: Cara will send meeting minutes to SIGWROC folks (at least people who expressed interest)
- **Next Meetings:** Sometime in 2022, before CCCCs
  - Website meeting to go over website - Cara & Chris will go over website.
  - Meeting to prep for CCCCs
    - Mentorship program brainstorm
    - Bibliography
    - Review draft mission statement & goals