

SIGRU Business Meeting Agenda

Research Use Meeting Minutes

4/18/15

6:30-8:00 p.m.

- **Current Membership** – 67 members (considered acceptable for now)
- **Agenda highlights:** Establishment of a new journal; induction of new officers; awarding of the 2015 Research to Practice Award
- **Members Present:**
 - Dan Laitsch (Simon Frasier), outgoing chair
 - Luke Duesbery (SDSU)
 - Julie Gray (University of West Florida)
 - Saira Shah (University of Toronto)
 - Sofya Malik (OISE/UT)
 - Mark Rickinson (Monash University, Australia)
 - Gustavo Fischman (Arizona State)
 - Liz Farley-Ripple (University of Delaware)
 - Todd Twyman, via Skype (Pacific University, Oregon)
- **New officers:**
 - Election issues – Dan explained what had happened and that it was being resolved
 - They wanted to have elections that were contested, however only one of ours was contested (Chair)
 - We'll have an election later (to determine Program Chair)
 - Chair: Todd Twyman
 - Secretary: Julie Gray
 - Treasurer: Chris Brown
 - Program Chair: Either Jennifer Appleyard or Luke Duesbery (TBD)
- **Sigru.org** – website established and maintained (by Dan) <http://sigru.org/wp/>
- Reminder about two symposiums tomorrow
- Papers submissions for sessions/symposiums – 14 accepted
 - 2 Roundtables
 - 2 Symposia

- AERA – strict, constrained guidelines for how many sessions/roundtables, etc. we can schedule (# of papers that can be accepted) – Dan explained our concerns
- **Research To Practice Award Committee:** Julie Gray, Dan Laitch, Larysa Lysenko, Kim LeChasseur, Todd Twyman, Sarah VanIngen
 - Charged with: Recognizing SIG members for their contributions to scholarship that brings substantive attention to the degree to which research is applied, sustained in decision-making, practice, or school policy. Committee members also looked at the activities nominees engaged in to help close the gaps between research, policy, and practice.
- **Research to Practice Award – Gustavo Fischman, Honoree 2015**
 - Gustavo is a Professor at Arizona State University, where he specializes in Comparative Education, Higher Education Policy Studies, and Gender Studies in Education. His books include “Imagining Teachers: Rethinking Teacher Education and Gender” and “Education, Crisis and Hope: Tension and Change in Latin-America” and numerous articles on education policies, higher education, and gender issues in education. He is the lead editor of Educational Policy Analysis Archives and co-editor of Education Review/Reseñas Educativas, and has greatly advanced the use of research in policy and practice through his work in these journals.
 - Gustavo is currently leading two research projects. The first project aims at improving the mobilization and transfer of research based knowledge from academic centers to communities of stakeholders such as other scholars, educators, administrators, policymakers, and the general public. The second project focuses on understanding and strengthening the quality, impact and reach of open access scholarly communications. Congratulations, Gustavo!
 - Gustavo was also inducted as an AERA Fellow this year
- **In Past** – SIG-RU offered some interesting pre-sessions
 - Ideas for future AERA conferences: another pre-conference session, use SIG \$ for a reception or have a pre-conference breakfast to recruit new members; a lunch might be well-received by others
- **Gustavo’s Idea** – have a Special Issue – Research Use with the papers submitted this year to be published next Jan. 2016; work with an established journal
 - Partner with another organization (McREL, West-Ed, etc. – past affiliations – Liz’s suggestion)
 - Consider partnerships or sponsorship
- **\$2,500 requested for a grant program** – with a matching \$ from AERA for SIGs → W.T. Grant awarded us \$2,500 but AERA refused to match the funds for the purpose we proposed (research journal)

- Gustavo suggested that we would need \$75,000 to run a quality, sustainable journal (though most of that could be in-kind contributions)
- W.T. Grant – based upon the quality of papers – sponsored by W. T. Grant with a note of reference to the SIG-RU; can't be listed as an AERA journal; could be listed as a special issue for another established journal
- Process – Initial Review – Editor present at seminar and makes suggestions/provides feedback to authors; 2nd Review – review phase by reviewers; 3rd Review – Editorial/Review Board
- Promotion and Tenure – Gustavo mentioned a concern that some universities are attentive to the number of citations an author has; his institution looked at requiring 10% of research responsibility/time should be for research use
- Liz, Gustavo, and Dan – will be working together regarding journal linkages
- Meeting adjourned