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SCALA GENERAL MEETING – 11/29/2007 5PM SIS 1ST FLOOR

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1) Present

a. Officers

- i. Raquel Rivera, President
- ii. Joe Prince, Vice President
- iii. Maria Elia, Webmaster
- iv. Jacqui Taylor, Secretary
- v. Andrea Zekas, Faculty Liaison

b. Members

- i. Courtney Anderson
- ii. Katherine Benda
- iii. Katie Boyd
- iv. Jess Campbell
- v. Rachel Carver
- vi. Megan Fallon
- vii. Mary Evelyn Finley
- viii. Laura Knoff
- ix. Megan McCabe
- x. Dani Thomas
- xi. Kristen Young
- xii. Laura Zieja

c. Guest

- i. Dr. Toni Carbo

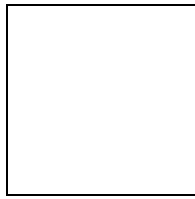
2) Introductions and Meal

a. **Over a scrumptious meal of Vocelli's pizza, a veggie plate, coffee and other assorted beverages**

- i. officers introduced themselves and provided brief descriptions of their roles within SCALA
- ii. members introduced themselves and their academic tracks

3) Presentation by Dr. Toni Carbo

a. **What you can get out of professional association membership(s)**



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- b. **The benefits of conference attendance**
 - c. **Resources from professional associations and to conferences**
 - d. **Personal story of her unconventional path to professional librarianship**
 - e. **See also: handout**
- 4) **Upcoming SCALA Events**
- a. **ComicCon 2008**
 - i. Rachel Carver (member) provided more information on
 - 1. what ComicCon is
 - 2. the unexplored potential benefits of a library presence at the event
 - 3. the relatively low cost of a participation (\$175 for a table and two passes)
 - ii. combined member and officer vote decides in favor of ComicCon 2008 participation
 - iii. ComicCon participation now scheduled as the primary SCALA event of Spring 2008
 - b. **Networking activities**
 - i. Joe Prince (Vice President) proposed increasing the number of networking activities sponsored by SCALA
 - ii. networking opportunities exist
 - 1. between SIS clubs
 - 2. between SCALA and the general library community
 - iii. consensus reached that increased networking activities would be appreciated and attended by SIS students
 - c. **ALA conferences**
 - i. Annual conference in Anaheim
 - 1. though much interest exists concerning this conference, few anticipate being able to attend
 - ii. Midwinter conference in Philadelphia
 - 1. much interest and anticipated involvement from members
 - 2. member resources
 - a. Laura Zieja: native Philadelphian with knowledge of the area
 - b. Katie Boyd: already scheduled to attend conference, would like to split costs on her already-confirmed hotel reservation with another student
 - 3. action item: explore possibility of SCALA sponsoring a bus to and from the conference

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- a. addendum: please see the SCALA blog at <http://scalapitt.blogspot.com/>

5) Next SCALA meeting

a. Open to all SIS students

b. Event date and time

- i. December 6th, 2007
- ii. 1st floor lounge, SIS building

c. Event agenda

- i. reports on progress on
 1. next semester's events
 2. other action items
- ii. officer elections
 1. all positions open for election
 2. position descriptions
 - a. President: makes sure that the executive board is running smoothly, delegates tasks among officers and make sure that everyone is meeting their deadlines. The president is the contact person for ALA and the person they contact with information to be disseminated to the chapter.
 - b. Vice President: plans and coordinates the organization's activities in cooperation with the other officers and the general membership. The VP is also currently in charge of t-shirt sales and distribution.
 - c. Treasurer: in charge of maintaining accurate records of all financial matters.
 - d. Secretary: in charge of recording the minutes of all Student Chapter of the American Library Association of the University of Pittsburgh meetings and keeping accurate records of past events and activities. The Secretary is responsible for keeping track of member information and meeting attendance.
 - e. Faculty Liaison: maintains an open line of communication between faculty and students by attending relevant meetings and voicing the concerns of students in the LIS program.
 - f. Webmaster: maintains the SCALA site with current information as requested by the executive board and SCALA members.