Gateway Student Journalism Society
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2025

Present:
Lee CRAIG
Teren HAZZARD
Leah HENNIG
Ping Lam IP
Kathryn JOHNSON
Katie TEELING
Nathan THIESSEN

Absent:
Michael CHANG
Unees HUSSAIN
Gabriella MENEZES

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. by TEELING.

Approval of the Agenda
THIESSEN moved to approve the agenda. HENNIG seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes
TEELING moved to approve the minutes. HENNIG seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

Editor-in-Chief: HENNIG said that the second print edition went well. She noted that there have been daily articles posted on the website and the section editors are settling in. Three people have been hired for deputy editor positions. Mac Bengtsson has been hired as deputy opinion editor, Lucy Stuckey has been hired as deputy news editor, and Sarah Hopkin has been hired as deputy photo editor.

The Gateway has been posting more short-form videos to its TikTok and Instagram accounts. HENNIG said the videos have seen good engagement. The Gateway has doubled its TikTok followers and surpassed 1,000 followers on Instagram.

IP inquired about “Korean Sex Movie Archives" consistently appearing in the list of top 10 gateway articles of the month. HENNIG said she is not sure why this is the case.

Executive director: HENNIG presented the executive director report on behalf of MENEZES. HENNIG said work on the audit is going well and The Gateway is on track budget wise. Advertising has also been going well.

Finance Committee: IP said there were not any questions about the documents apart from CRAIG’s inquiry about an accounts receivable report.

Human Resources Committee: TEELING said that the Human Resources Committee has not met.

Governance Committee: JOHNSON said that there has not been a need for the committee to meet again as of yet.

For approval

Community Representative: TEELING moved to go in camera to discuss this agenda item. HENNIG seconded.

After moving out of camera, HENNIG moved to appoint Christian Zukowski as the Community Representative. HAZZARD seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

For discussion

AI Committee: TEELING said the purpose of this committee is to confront the issue of contributors using AI to write articles. The committee will strike a policy on AI.

HENNIG moved to nominate CRAIG, HAZZARD, and IP to the committee. THIESSEN seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anonymity for authors: HENNIG discussed the issue of granting anonymity for authors, as there have been a few requests in the last month to have authors anonymized. These requests were related to people taking a government job as well as concerns about doxxing. Currently, The Gateway does not allow for people to publish anonymously. The Gateway does not usually remove the names of authors after their article has been published or allow people to publish under pseudonyms. This is because of transparency and accountability.

CRAIG said it is important for authors to put their name to their writing to ensure transparency and accountability.

TEELING said she believes The Gateway has only anonymized two articles in recent years. These articles were furry related. For one of the articles, The Gateway's name was put in place of the author's name. The second one was taken down entirely.

IP asked if there is a set of criteria for making exceptions surrounding the anonymity policy. TEELKING and HENNIG said there is and it is mainly based on personal safety and professional damage. HENNIG added that the volunteer copyright argument specifies that all The Gateway does not make any guarantees that it will disassociate you with an article that you have written and published.

CUP update: HENNIG said that shortly after the board approved the letter to send to CUP, HENNIG, Amy St. Amand of the NAIT Nugget, and the president of CUP had a phone call and discussed the concerns outlined in the letter. HENNIG said the president seemed receptive to the concerns at the time. HENNIG then received a letter from the CUP board that was not as receptive. HENNIG gave the letter to the Gateway staff and put it to them to decide on whether The Gateway should stay. The final vote was two in favor of staying in CUP and five against.

HAZZARD moved to have a vote on leaving CUP. CRAIG seconded. There were two abstentions with everyone else voting yes. The motion passed.

Adjournment
IP motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m..

Minutes submitted by: Kathryn Johnson