

Department of World Languages and Literatures

Faculty Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 6th, 2010

3:15p.m. - 4:30p.m., NH 491F

Attendance

J Perlmutter(Chair), O Aliaj, P Basci, M Balland, R Chakerian, A Dolidon, M Elliott, O Fernandez, B Fischer, S Freels, N Friedberg, K Godfrey, G Greco, Y Hanoosh, J Holt, K Hultman, I Jaén-Portillo, O Kisselev, G Kogan, L Kominz, L Kondilis, E Konomi, E Nunez, I Olsen, J Pease, F Sanchez, D Sbeit, A Sedighi, C Sloan, S Wadley, I Warnock, J Waruhui, P Wetzel, A Yariv, A Yatsenko, K Yoon

First Meeting - Academic Yr 2010/2011

Congratulations

Fernando Sanchez for the recent publication of 2 books

Maggie Elliott for winning the John Eliot Allen teaching award

Announcements

- Annabelle Dolidon is heading up the department's PR committee. She is working on a recipe calendar to create more awareness of WLL on campus. She asked for more recipes that represent the diversity of the department.
- Pat Wetzel is heading up the Adjunct Support committee and is asking for ideas and information on better ways to support the part-time faculty.
- Inger Olsen has a question for the group about better ways to secure library collections with the current budget crunch and what she could have done differently in a recent, failed attempt to bring in a private collection of Danish books.

Tutoring Center: Lisa Hatfield visiting

- The Student Fee Committee continues to support the tutoring center.
- In addition to tutoring for the most popular classes and languages, the center offers workshops on study skills, GRE prep and so forth.
- Enrolled PSU students can use the tutors to refresh on a language without being currently enrolled in a class.

Budget

- Reminder to faculty: even if they have start-up or grant money to spend, check with Dzuan before spending.
- Foundation account has a minimal balance so the department cannot contribute matching funds for travel until the account is beyond \$5000.
- Polyglot is coming out soon for Fall but due to lack of funds, it will not be printed for Spring.

Enrollments

Current enrollments: 16,904 SCH as of 10/6/2010 (4,245 students). This represents 3.1% growth from this time last year, not including the addition of first-year ASL students

ASL: PCC/PSU agreement – Pat Wetzel

- PCC credential in ASL Interpretation now transfers as credits towards degree. (It was transferring as vocational credit.)
- Effective very soon: Interpreters for ASL will need 4 yr. degree.
- ASL showing 800% growth across the country.

WLL Website: Mark Wubbold

- New WLL website – Reorganized and adapted to PSU's template with more subsets and information
- The bottom band is synchronized and independent of the page itself. This includes the faculty bios, news, and events.
- Please send any corrections/additions to Mark (cc: Jennifer and Dzuan) – cut/copy/paste URL of page with corrections and insert in email.

Copyright

As a result of the copyright lawsuit that included PSU and Smart Copy; it is on the faculty to make sure they have approval to copy text material. University will not support faculty in future legal actions.

Title VI

University has a 4-year grant that will add 1 new faculty positions in WLL (Arabic) and also includes Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship money for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in classes in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, or Turkish.

Searches

We plan to conduct three searches for tenure-track positions: Arabic, Spanish, and Modern Greek.

FAQs

Handout information with all sorts of fun tidbits for you. Read it, know it, live it!

Committee assignments were distributed.

Announcements / Deadlines:

- 10/15 Winter textbook requests due to bookstore
- 10/18 Fall deadline to submit curriculum proposals to CLAS for 2011-12 bulletin
- 10/21-10/27 PSU Canada Days
- 10/29 Sabbatical reports due in CLAS
- 10/31 Deadline for open enrollment
- 11/01 Deadline for PSU Canadian Studies Undergraduate Scholarship
- 11/03 Dept. meeting 3:15-4:45
- 11/10 Advisory Council meeting 3:15-4:30