Department of World Languages and Literatures
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 6, 2013
3:15p.m. to 5:00p.m.
NH 491F

Attendance

Announcements
- Polyglot is done and is on its way to the printer
- Theater Arts will now place WLL film courses on a new list called "International Cinemas." That department already has a list that includes our film courses with discrete Catalog numbers. If you would like to include your film class on that list, contact Mark Berrettini <mberre@pdx.edu>
- 5pm on November 7th in the WLL conference room, there will be a talk about archives and Latin American Narratives
- There will be a distance learning course on Korean Literature in Translation this winter offered by UCLA. Encourage your students to enroll in it (WLL 399.)
- Cortez circulated two recent articles he published.
- WLL Research Roundtable will be Wed., Nov. 20th at 3:15 p.m. in NH 08.
- Our Holiday Party this year will be held at Dzuan’s house on Saturday, December 7 from 6 p.m. onward. It’s a socks party!

Credit for Prior Learning (Dolidon)
- Board of Higher Education is trying to set standards for credit for prior learning
- WLL is a pilot unit for this project
- Current recommendations are: There should be a cap of number of credits that the student can receive. Each department should be able to set its own caps. Departments should also have the ability to opt out
- PL can be assessed by written examination, oral interview and portfolio. Portfolios make the most sense for WLL students.
- If you have students who have worked or trained abroad or in the US using a foreign language, they can try to get credit for it. Approval would be required and would be based on the quality of work submitted. Dolidon is looking for 2 or 3 students who have prior learning experience that can potentially work with you as faculty mentor and get credit for their prior work. We will try to provide a small stipend for faculty. Contact dolidon@pdx.edu
- At the moment we are not looking into foreign language requirement credits.
- Students would need to translate the experience into college-level material to show their ability
- There will be caps at the university level and at the department levels
- It is very important to take into consideration required residency credits
- There are 6 working groups in the assessment of credit for prior learning
- Native speakers cannot get credits
- If we allow students to receive 399 credits, we should not allow them to use those towards PSU’s required 72 upper-division credits
- Assessment practices and workload, are institution-wide concerns

MAT
- French German and Spanish MAT: WLL’s Graduate Council and faculty talked about closing this program. Currently there are no students enrolled and we have had very low enrollment. We would like to drop the program.
- Students often believe that the MAT will certify them to teach, but that is not true. The degree is misleading.
- Faculty voted and all but one (abstention) were in favor of eliminating the program.
Change to major (Spanish proposal)
- Spanish would like to add SPAN 344 and 345 to the bulletin. 344 is not new, and 345 is new and still needs to be approved.
- 345 title is “Present Day Cultural and Literary Expression”
- We want to update the cultural studies to incorporate trans-Atlantic movement. Adding more cultural classes
- All 5 of the 300 level literature courses have the same prerequisites, students can take them in any order once they have met the prerequisites
- Faculty voted, and all in favor of putting 345 through curriculum and adding 344 and 345 (pending approval ) to the Bulletin.

New Ranks for Non-Tenure-Track Faculty (NTTF) (Freels)
- Proposed revisions of PSU PTM Guidelines to incorporate new NTTF ranks have been presented to the Senate. The revisions will be voted on January 2.
- The new ranks that will directly affect WLL faculty are Sr. Instructor I and Sr. Instructor II. We will need to revise our own PTM Guidelines to incorporate criteria for promotion to these ranks.
- NTTF who are already in the system will remain eligible for promotion under the existing rules.

Budget update
- Dean Beatty shared CLAS Financial Organizational chart and on the back are the principles guiding decisions to cut. Perlmutter distributed this document.
- CLAS generates $7 million per year more than it spends.
- Philosophy is one of the largest revenue generators in CLAS.
- Dean Beatty plans to make strategic cuts rather than cut across-the-board ones.
- Dean Beatty is going to put together a faculty advisory committee that will consist of some chairs, some tenure-line and non-tenure line faculty to advise her not only on this budget process but on future matters
- Neither CLAS nor WLL is sure how much they will have to cut. It will likely be between 5 and 8%.
- Faculty is encouraged to think of ways to generate revenue by attracting new students to PSU.

Important Dates:
11/13 Advisory Council (3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in Perlmutter’s office)
11/13 “Ethnicity in SE Asia and the US” (6:00 p.m. in Room 90 5th Ave. Cinema)
11/20 WLL Roundtable (3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. in NH 08)
11/20 “What Makes PSU’s Japanese Program the Best in the World?” (6:00 p.m. in SMSU 329)
11/22 Faculty Professional Travel Grant deadline (travel after Feb. 1)
12/2 Chairs notified by P & T committee re: Peer Review development plans
12/7 HOLIDAY PARTY (Dzuan Nguyen’s house – on a Saturday!)
12/10-1/11 Dean meets with P &/or T candidates (last year was later)
2/3 Third-year review candidates files to WLL P & T committee
3/14 Fixed-term reviews due in OAA and HR (our deadline will be earlier)