Department of World Languages and Literatures
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
3:15 p.m. to 4:20 p.m.
NH 491F

Attendance

Announcements
- WLL will soon be on FB and Twitter. Thalia Sophiana will be the contact person.
- Robert Mercer has calculated the lowest average number of credits students have accumulated before graduation by major. Winner is French with 182 credits!
- Basci will participate on February 12 at noon on the “Envisioning Urban Istanbul” panel discussion at the White Stag building.
- Freels will be giving a talk titled “Settlement of Kiev and the Rus” as part of the Friday night lecture series of the Scandinavian Heritage Foundation. (Rescheduled for April 4)
- Malcolm Compitello will give a talk titled “Charting a Path from Undergraduate Student to Graduate Student to Professor in the Rapidly Changing Landscape of Higher Education” on Friday, February 14 at 2 p.m.
- Next WLL roundtable will be February 19th from 3:15 – 4:15. Friedberg will present.

Budget
- About half of CLAS departments established a set pay rate for faculty for summer teaching. (WLL continues to pay faculty as it has in the past.)
- CLAS requested a 6% cut exercise from all of the departments. For our department, the cuts we had already made for summer brought us almost to that figure.
- Chairs compiled a document summarizing the impact of a 4% and 6% cut by department and submitted to the Dean who will draw from it in her discussions with the Provost.

International Studies Program
- INTL faculty voted to eliminate the third year of the language requirement for their majors. Honors students (currently numbering 21) still required to complete three years
- The decision was based on practice at comparator institutions and the loss of majors due to this requirement.
- Currently, there are approximately 330 declared INTL majors; approximately 65 graduate each year.

Credit for Prior Learning (Dolidon)
- PSU recommendations are based on HECC (Higher Education Coordinating Commission) standards.
- WLL is a pilot department for PSU, but each section can choose whether to participate.
- CPL can be awarded at all levels (100-400 level courses)
- CPL will be graded Pass (P) or nothing. If the requirements are not satisfied, there will be no penalty.
- CPL will not count toward residency but it will not impact it negatively either
- Let Dolidon know courses that you believe could earn CPL
  ➔ List Course Learning Outcomes for these courses
WLL 300-level U

- Perlmutter would like to propose two or three courses at the 300 level taught in English that would carry the “WLL” prefix and be included in UNST upper-division clusters.
- This would facilitate interdisciplinary approaches and team teaching.
- It would draw in good enrollments, too, and possibly interest in our other courses.
- Please send her suggestions for titles and numbers.

Centennial High School

- A faculty member at Centennial High School contacted Perlmutter to request participation in a showcase night to take place possibly in May.
- WLL representatives would be available to parents and students to answer questions and distribute information.
- Let Perlmutter know if you and/or your students would like to participate.
- Currently, Centennial offers French, German and Spanish.

Important Dates:

2/10  "Coffee with the Dean" (1:00 p.m. 329 SMSU)
2/12  Advisory Council (3:15 p.m. Perlmutter’s office)
2/19  WLL roundtable; Friedberg presenting (3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in NH 491)
2/20  IAS Korean lecture series: "Protesting America: Democracy and the US-Korea Alliance" by Katherine H.S. Moon, (4:00 p.m. URBN 2nd floor)
2/21  IAS Lecture-series: "Nationalism and Political Identity in China" by Dr. Zheng Wang, (6:00 p.m. Location TBA)
2/24  Dean’s Classroom to Community Lecture “A Language Shared. Journalists, Veterans and PTSD” by Jackie Spinner. (7:00 p.m. SMSU 355)
2/27  Fixed-term faculty lunch with Vice Provost (free food!) (12:00 – 1:30 p.m. SMSU 209 MEZZANINE) RSVP required (see e-mail)
3/14  Fixed-term reviews due in OAA and HR (our deadline will be earlier)