Department of World Languages and Literatures  
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 2, 2011  
3:15p.m. to 4:15p.m.  
NH 491F

Attendance

Announcements
- Steven Fuller received a grant from the Max Kade Foundation for $56,000 in support of Deutsche Sommerschule. This is $8,000 more than last time.
- Elise Wagner will be a guest panelist at Wilkes University’s Women in Popular Culture Conference during her exhibition there. An accompanying exhibition catalogue *Elise Wagner: A Decade in Painting* will be out soon. Elise was also invited to have a solo exhibition and give a talk to the student body at the Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston this October.
- Length of Service recognition went to Suwako Watanabe for 20 years, Steven Fuller for 20 years and Dirgham Sbait for 25 years.
- Ayal Yariv will be leaving us. His wife took a job at Colby College in Maine.
- Mirieille Balland is moving back to France to be with her daughter.
- Linda Godson became a great-grandmother to a little boy.

Enrollment
As of this morning, we have 10,119 SCH/2,585 students. Continue looking for places to collapse classes.

Flagship Update (Sandy)
- The Russian Flagship Program is currently in its third year of the grant and is planning for a fourth-year extension at the same level of funding.
- A review team will be coming to evaluate the program for center status next fall.
- This is the first year that PSU Flagship students have applied for admission to the overseas Flagship program. Seven students applied, and all seven were admitted.

Assessment Committee Report (Kathie and Suwako)
- Question 1.7: Analyze historical, cultural and political issues. Faculty and students agree that the higher the level, the more analysis of historical, cultural and political issues.
- Question 3: What does critical thinking mean to you? Responses were quite varied and broken down into three categories: Input ? knowledge used; Process ? behavior involved and Outcome ? intended goal. Faculty mentioned outcomes more frequently than students.
- Question 4: Does this course promote critical thinking? Students think that WLL courses promote critical thinking. 20% UG faculty said yes but 50% of Graduate level faculty specifies critical thinking as a goal on the syllabus.
- Question 5: Are there connection between content in this course and other classes you are taking at the university? The higher the course level the more students found connections. Responses varied from 1st Yr. 28.6% - 4th Yr. 68.7%

International Studies Major (Martha Hickey and Shawn Smallman)
Shawn Smallman, Professor of International Studies and co-author of *Introduction to International and Global Studies* joined the meeting. The student text was created from a class he taught with Kim Brown. International Studies has come to be defined as by its interdisciplinary interest in the economic, cultural and political consequences of globalization.
Russian Flagship students who are also International Studies majors can complete the Global Perspectives upper-division cluster if they consult with the director of International Studies. (As a rule, Int’l majors are advised to complete a different cluster, since any Int’l prefixed course or other-prefixed regional course that is used for the major cannot count towards the Global Perspectives cluster.)

**Faculty Profiles**
There are currently 25 faculty profiles in syndication on the WLL website. Please submit a photo and a bio to wubbold@pdx.edu if you are fixed-term or tenure-line and will be working here in that capacity next year and do not yet have a profile.

**Back Room**
Temporarily, we will be using the room that Flagship vacated as a break room and informal meeting area. It is not recommended that you allow students to use the room unsupervised. Math will be moving into the current Flagship space so it is likely that Flagship will be moving back into the space soon.

**Course Labeling in Schedule**
Currently, most WLL classes are default labeled as “lecture” which does not accurately reflect the course content in most courses. Course label choices relevant to our department are “lecture”, “seminar” or “activity”. Most of the fall courses have been re-labeled to more accurately reflect the type of course given. Faculty may choose how a course is listed. There are no definitions numerical enrollment or otherwise. All agreed that the 1-3 yr. language courses will be listed as “activity”. It is notable that the minimum enrollment lists pulled by the Provost contain only “lecture” courses.

Pelin is working with Steve Harmon on changing the course prefixes of FL classes to WL. This change will also need to be implemented through Pam Wagner to change it in DARS.

**CLAS**
Marvin will leave his post as Dean 3/14/11 and will move temporarily to the Institute for Metropolitan Studies. Dick Knight will be interim Dean. He is the former interim Dean of the College of Engineering and the former interim Vice President of External Relations.

**Budget**
Jennifer Chambers, Senior Budget Analyst for the university came to each department to review this year’s budget. The conclusion of this study is that CLAS is in worse shape financially than originally anticipated. CLAS has been asked to do the following: pause all hires for open tenure lines; relinquish 45% of E & G fund balances (approximately $13,000 for us); cut 3% of the budget. We have not received a directive to do the latter at the departmental level but our three open positions remain paused.

**Important Dates:**

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