Department of World Languages and Literatures  
Faculty Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 2, 2012  
3:15p.m. to 3:45p.m.

NH 491F

Attendance

Announcements
- Two Russian Flagship students received a Boren scholarship; a third received a Gilman.
- Silvia Boero is hosting the 4th installment of the Italian-American Lecture Series with a talk by Professor Emanuele Occhipinti May 14.
- FLAS scholarships were awarded to students of Arabic, Persian and Turkish.
- The American premiere of Québécois film “À l’an vert is May 3 in Lincoln Hall 75. There will be a wine and cheese reception prior to the screening of the approximately one-hour film and a Q&A with the director, Linda Desormeaux, after. On May 4th, the director will give a talk in CH 128 - all are welcome.
- Steve Thorne is the Captain of Team WLL in the Bike to PSU Challenge this month. All are welcome to join the team. You can win a bike!
- Congratulations to Nila Friedberg and Annabelle Dolidon who both recently had books published.
- Elise is presenting at the 6th International Encaustic Conference in Cape Cod, Provincetown in June and was also nominated in four categories for the La Vendeenne Artist Award.
- Retirements: Grant Farr, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Development is retiring as of June 30th. Please look for a call for nominations for his position. Cliff Barnett Assistant to the Associate Deans is also retiring as of 6/30.
- The spring department party will be at Steven Fuller’s house on June 8. Invitations coming soon.
- Kathie Godfrey reported that the Assessment committee will launch a survey of students at all levels regarding the integration of culture in their courses.
- Angela Zagarella spoke of the banned books in the Chicano Ethnic Studies curriculum in AZ and mentioned that UO is staging a read in.

Waitlist
- Significant changes have been made that will reduce the volume of Special Registration forms.
- Students will be able to put themselves only on one waitlist per class. Also, if they are registered for a class, they cannot put themselves on a waitlist for a different section of the same class.
- If a spot becomes available, the first student on the waitlist will receive a notification at their @pdx.edu address that they then can register for the class. The student will have 24 hours to do so. If students fail to sign up within that timeframe, they will lose the opportunity to enroll, be dropped from the waitlist, and the next person on the list will receive a notification.
- The waitlist function will be disabled the Sunday before classes begin each term.
- This will not eliminate other registration problems we have had such as students who manage to enroll in classes without the appropriate prerequisites.

Scholarships
- Elise is organizing applications; each section will receive theirs shortly for review.
- The Advisory Council will vote on WLL Study Abroad scholarships next week.
- The Department Awards and Graduation Reception is June 14 in the Smith Center Browsing Lounge. Students receiving awards will be invited to attend with their family. Please send names to us.
Misc.
- Spanish and Russian are up this year for the John Allen Teaching Awards. We will rotate in Arabic beginning next year.
- If you are a tenured professor, you are required to attend commencement. Everyone else is encouraged to come as well.

Committees and Task Forces
- As chair of the Elections committee, Silvia Boero will begin the process for elections to the P & T and the Advisory council.
- CLAS is organizing task forces as part of Dean Beatty’s strategic planning process.
  - Solicitation of nominations will soon circulate.
  - There will be a kick-off luncheon June 1st.
  - They will meet this term and complete their work in the fall. In the winter, they will disband and other task forces will form, and in the spring, a steering committee will complete this work.
  - All are encouraged to volunteer in shaping CLAS. This is a college-wide effort.

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5/3 INTL’s Canadian Studies, WLL and PCPH host American premiere of Québécois film “À l’an vert”(with subtitles) (6:00 p.m. wine & cheese; 7:00 p.m. screening in LH 75)
5/4 Talk by director Linda Desormeaux (2:00 p.m. Finnish Room, Cramer Hall 128)
5/4 Faculty Professional Travel Grant apps due at 5pm (for travel beginning 8/1/12)
5/9 Deadline for P & T materials to me for 2012-13
5/9-5/28 “Dangerous Liaisons” play at Venetian Theatre in Hillsboro
5/11-5/19 “Candide” by Portland Opera
5/11-6/2 World Premiere of Yuko Mishima’s hit play “The Black Lizard” Imago Theater
5/14 Italian Lecture Series Professor Emanuele Occhipinti, 4:30-6:30 NH 388
5/15 Deadline for online discrimination and harassment training
6/8 John Eliot Allen Outstanding Teacher Awards (3-5 p.m. in SMSU Ballroom)
6/8 Department Potluck party at Steven Fuller’s house (6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.)
6/14 Department Graduation and Award Reception (4:00-6:00 p.m. in 238 SMSU)
6/17 Graduation (faculty lunch 12:00 p.m.; ceremony 2:00 p.m. Rose Garden Arena)