Attendance:

Congratulations
- Anousha Sedighi received a $10,000 faculty enhancement award.

Newsletter
- Our spring 08 newsletters are out. The Department Chair encouraged faculty to hand out newsletters to senior auditor students in the class.
- We are also getting ready for our fall newsletter, please submit your ideas and new items to the Department Chair.

Summer Term
- Department asked the Section Heads to keep an eye on enrollments for multiple sections and cancel them if they are low.
- The Department Chair will be out of town from June 16 through June 30. Pat Wetzel will be in charge during her absence.
- Faculty members are often traveling during the summer. To better assist you and your students, please give your away dates and office hours to Dzuan. If there are students in your sections who need advising urgently, please let Dzuan know if they can contact you when you are away.

Governance
- Per a request from CLAS, there was a change in the Governance document. The changes moved the Chair’s appointment from September 16 to September 1. The Department faculty voted in favor of this change.
- Faculty also voted to revise the first paragraph of the Departmental Organization document. The first paragraph currently states that the department faculty is divided into four sections: French & Italian, German & Russian, Spanish & Portuguese, and East Asian & Middle East. This paragraph is now obsolete because we are no longer just organized into four sections. Faculty voted to revise the paragraph to say that the Department is divided among language programs.
- The department faculty voted to remove the graduate student from the P & T committee. P & T Committee will still solicit input from graduate students in those languages that have a graduate program.

Grant Activity
Pat Wetzel’s International Research and Studies Program grant to create online materials for Japanese interpretation and Arabic translation is pending. The grant amount is $500,000.

Sandra also received an email award for a Russian Flagship grant. This program will be funded by the National Security Education Program. The amount is $500,000 for the first year. The funds will help create a Russian section to be attached to every level of the University studies.

PT

The Department Chair has sent out emails to external reviewers for faculty who are up for promotion and tenure this year. Dzuan has records of the reviewers who have replied.

Elections

Elections will be over this Friday, and the result will be available next week.

Coming Attractions

- F June 6, 3:30 Teachers’ Awards, SMSU 327-329
- F June 6, 6:30-10:30, Potluck, 3212 SE Tibbets
- TH June 12, 4:00-6:00, Award Ceremony, SMSU 238
- Sat June 14, 8:00-9:30, Breakfast, 10:00-1:00, Commencement, Rose Garden Arena (www.pdx.edu/commencement/faculty)