Department of World Languages and Literatures
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 6, 2012
3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
NH 491F

Attendance

Announcements
- Jaén Portillo’s book has been published.
- Both Watanabe and Núñez published articles.
- Two Flagship students won a Boren Scholarship this year (with a third at the time of this writing!)
- Three of our Flagship students scored 4 on Russian as a Foreign Language exam which is rare.
- Jaén Portillo and Yatsenko received the John Allen Outstanding Teaching Awards; ceremony is Friday, June 8th from 3-5 in the SMSU Ballroom.
- Ostlund received final confirmation of her promotion to Full Professor.
- Perlmutter will be away at the ADFL chairs meeting, and then away grading AP French Language and Culture exams June 7th - June 19th. Basci will be Acting Chair.
- All are encouraged to attend the year-end department party at Steven Fuller’s house Friday, June 8th.
- Kominz’s Japanese students will be performing a Kabuki play in Lincoln Hall Sunday, June 10th.
- Grades are due at 5:00 P.M. June 19th.
- Sbait announced that this is the first year two students will receive their B.A. in Arabic.
- Sedighi announced the grant-funded Persian Scholar in Residence, Prof. Dick Davis, who will be teaching Persian Literature and Folklore next year.
- Holt is working on a World Literature Comic Book Conference and invites faculty working in related areas to contact him.

Searches
- Arabic
  - Burnham has accepted a position at Appalachian State University and will not return next year.
  - Watanabe is the search committee chair for the Senior Instructor of Arabic position.
- Modern Hebrew
  - Rogovin has accepted a position at Bucknell and will not return next year.
  - Basci is the search committee chair for the Senior Instructor of Arabic position.
- Spanish
  - Aliaj will not be at PSU next year. Fernandez will take over that position for the year.
  - We will run a search in the fall for an Instructor of Spanish.
  - Chakerian will take over Spanish advising starting this summer; Ceciliano will also be doing advising for part of the summer.

Language Requirement
The faculty of Mathematics has voted to eliminate its language requirement for the Ph.D.

Student Absences
Faculty discussed the issue of large numbers of student absences and their stated policies that hold students accountable for them.
Committees
- The Elections and Nominations committee is processing the ballots for the department P&T Committee and Advisory Council. Perlmutter will share results when she receives them.
- Perlmutter and Advisory Council will set the other committees based on faculty preference and department need.
- The CLAS Task Forces have met once and will continue through the fall.
  Perlmutter is chairing the Enrollment Management and Curriculum task force.
  Jaén Portillo is on the Faculty and Staff Development task force.
  Thorne is on the Research and Partnerships task force.
  Nguyen is staff support for the Strategic Resources task force.

Promotion and Tenure
Greco requests that faculty going up for P &/or T to submit only the essential documents to the P & T committee.

Online graduate applications
Nguyen reported from the committee that is moving the graduate applications online. Some departments will pilot this in the fall.

Fall Agenda Items
Please contact Perlmutter with any future agenda items.

Important Dates:
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 - 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)
6/19 Tuesday! Grades due by 5:00 p.m.

Have a great summer!