Department of World Languages and Literatures
Faculty Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 5, 2013
3:15p.m. to 4:15p.m.
NH 491F

Attendance

Announcements
- 6/7/13 John Eliot Allen Outstanding Teaching Award Ceremony from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in SMSU Ballroom Congratulations to Lina Gomaa and Stéphanie Roulon who won the award!
- 6/7/13 Department Potluck at Steve Thorne’s house; please bring food and drink to share
- 6/8/13 Graduate Student Colloquium
- 6/13/13 WLL Awards & Graduate Reception from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in SMSU 327-28-29
- 6/16/13 CLAS PSU Graduation; arrive at 9 a.m.; event starts at 10 a.m. at Rose Garden Arena. Lunch and faculty awards follow.
- William Fischer received an AATG STEM Articulation grant
- Phi Sigma Iota has over 40 Inductees this year

Fixed-term and Summer Contracts
Fixed-term and Summer Contracts will be ready and sent out shortly

Chair and Committees Elections
- Perlmutter was reelected chair for a three-year term beginning September 1.
- Elected to the P & T committee are: Fischer, Greco, Hickey and Watanabe
- Elected to the Advisory Council are: Freels, Holt, Rachmuth, Sloan and Walton

Phase III CLAS Visioning and Planning Task Force
- Composition: Chairs of Phase I and Phase II Task Forces plus a few more
- Charge: Synthesize reports, identify recurring themes and draft recommendations

Library and WLL (Holt)
- Next year the Library Committee (Senate sub-group) will be chaired by Jon Holt; he is working with them and library staff to create an "exit survey" for graduating M.A. students to gauge how useful the library was for them and how the library can improve its services. Questions/ideas comments should be sent to joholt@pdx.edu (Jon Holt)
- Mailbox delivery service is available to faculty and many already enjoy it
- Robert Sanders had previously asked about journal delivery. This is still being worked out by the library

reTHINK Credit for Prior Learning (Experiential Learning)
- reTHINK proposal #92 has received funding. Project Lead Shelly Chabon is looking for a representative from WLL to take part in the project. If you are interested contact Jennifer Perlmutter by Friday, June 7th
- There are six working groups:
  o Policies
  o Practices
  o Implementation
  o Pilot (Sustainability Certificate is one definite and we could be the other)
  o Analysis of Prior Learning Assessment
  o Evaluation
- Project completion scheduled December 2014
Faculty Ranks (Freels)

- Sandra Freels provided information on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Rewrite PT Guidelines. The committee has been charged with writing descriptions for one new Tenure Track Faculty (TTF) rank (Distinguished Professor) and a number of new Non-Tenure Track Faculty (NTTF) ranks (including Sr. Instructor I and Sr. Instructor II) in accordance with Senate decisions from Spring, 2013. The changes that will affect WLL the most are:
  - In the past, NTTF have been appointed at the rank of Assistant Professor and Sr. Instructors have been promoted to Assistant Professor. Under the new guidelines, the professorial titles will apply to TTF only. This change is expected to affect only those who are hired after the new guidelines take effect and not those who currently work in WLL.
  - When the new guidelines take effect, WLL faculty who currently hold the rank of Sr. Instructor will become Sr. Instructor I at their current pay rate. They then will have the option of applying for promotion to Sr. Instructor II.
  - In order for WLL to take advantage of the new ranks, it will have to rewrite its own PT guidelines. If the Senate adopts new university guidelines in December 2013 and if WLL guidelines are revised and approved in Winter 2014, the earliest that anyone could conceivably apply for promotion would be Spring 2014. Undoubtedly we will receive instructions from CLAS when the time comes.
  - Martha Hickey pointed out that the Senate decision was prompted by and in accordance with new OARs regarding faculty ranks.

Copyright (Thorne)

Library of Foreign Language Film Clips/Copyright (Thorne)
The Library of Foreign Language Film Clips (LFLFC) is maintained by the Berkeley Language Center at the University of California, Berkeley. As of this date the LFLFC contains 14,400+ clips cut from 412 films in 23 languages. Each clip in the database is tagged for appropriate linguistic, cultural, and discourse information. Most of the spoken language in the clip is also tagged in dictionary form. Instructors can place clips of interest into a queue, annotate those clips, and then order them. Within an hour they receive an email with a URL for those clips, which they then put into your campus’s Learning Management System. After two weeks the clips disappear (although they can be reordered for additional two-week periods).

Question: Should we become an institutional member? (there is no fee or charge). Interested parties can contact Thorne.

Virtual Mobility (Thorne)

- The J. Christopher Stevens Virtual Exchange Initiative will fuel the largest ever increase in people-to-people exchanges between the U.S. and the broader Middle East (including the Middle East, North Africa, Central and South Asia). Secondary and Higher Education institutions in the US will be targeted partners in this initiative. This initiative was conceived and is being advanced by the Stevens/Commanday Family and the Exchange 2.0 Coalition (Soliya, iEARN-USA, and Global Nomads Group), and would consist of:
  - A long-term public-private partnership funded by contributions from the J. Christopher Stevens Fund (run by the Stevens/Commanday family), the US Government (USG), and a host of others, to be housed within and administered by an established private sector foundation;
  - A Commitment from the USG of $5 million a year for the three-year period 2014-2017, seeding the initiative and helping rally other governments and private sector leaders, with the goal of ensuring that the USG commitment comprises no more than one-third of total funding secured; and
  - An Invitation to Partner to other governments, private foundations, corporations and individuals to supplement that Commitment so as to enable at least a $15 million annual fund – a level of support which would enable over one million youth in the US and the broader Middle East to have a Virtual Exchange experience by 2020

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