

Department of World Languages and Literatures

Faculty Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NH 491F

Attendance

Jennifer Perlmutter (Leading), P Basci, S Boero, J Ceciliano, J Coleman, C Collenberg-Gonzalez, W Comer, E Cortez, L Cosgriff, A Dolidon, L E, J Eleweke, C Epplin, N Friedberg, K Godfrey, L Goma, G Greco, Y Hanoosh, M Hickey, J Holt, I Jaén, L Kominz, T Menke, T Nidever, J Pease, L Quiroga-Gonzalez, M Rachmuth, S Roulon, R Sanders, D Sbeit, A Sedighi, C Sloan, S Thorne, S Walton, I Warnock, S Watanabe, K Yoon, A Zagarella

Announcements

- Retirement party for Wetzel, Hickey, and Kogan will be held on May 4 from 4-6 p.m. in lieu of our faculty meeting
- Graduate Student Colloquium submission deadline is extended to April 1st
- Dr. Cassio de Oliveira will join us as Assistant Professor of Russian (TTF) in fall
- Daria Aleeva will join us as Senior Instructor I of Russian (NTTF) in fall
- Japanese search almost complete
- Phi Sigma Iota Honors society invites spring nominations (contact Holt for more information)
- Reminder to send publication/conference/grant announcements to currently@pdx.edu and copy Perlmutter.
- Send student success stories to Perlmutter

Enrollments

High enrollment WLL courses spring 2016:

1. JPN 344U: Manga- Japanese Graphic Novels (Holt)
2. WLL 390: Languages of the World (Friedberg)
3. KOR 330U: Korean Pop Culture (Yoon)
4. SPAN 345: Present-Day Cultural and Literary Expression (Epplin)
5. WLL 448U: Major Figure of World Literature- Montaigne (Greco)
6. LAT 330U: Roman Culture (Nidever)
7. WLL 335U: The Icelandic Sagas (Olsen)

Recruitment efforts (discussion)

Perlmutter asked faculty about WLL recruitment efforts: what efforts are we currently making? what opportunities would we like to leverage? what more would we like to know about recruitment? Google doc subsequently circulated by e-mail for faculty input

President Wiewel (4:00)

→WLL Program highlights

- Godfrey presented on DSaP
- Comer presented on Flagship
- Sanders presented on Heritage Spanish
- Eleweke presented on ASL
- Goma presented on open source textbooks

→Updates from the President:

- Goals for our graduates: self-exploration, global citizenship, employability
- PSU in a period of flat enrollment
- Tuition increases kept below 3% for now
- PSU attracting more out-of-state students
- Campus experiencing better transparency (e.g., budget decisions)
- Foreign languages featured in the Strategic Plan

→Faculty questions:

How does the President see WLL within the framework of the Internationalization mission?

- languages are a part of self-discovery and personal growth; which language one studies matters little; language study goes beyond the utilitarian in creating a richer human being; language study leads to understanding that world is bigger than U.S.; language promotes global awareness; language learning is key to learning about the world and becoming embedded in another culture

- how can we connect with different communities in Portland (e.g., schools)
- Companies often prioritize the hiring of graduates with language training

How does the President view the value of studying literature?

- Literature is entry point to the access of different cultures; no other way to really understand culture without it
- Reveals how life can be organized differently from the one in which we were raised

→Faculty needs:

- Writing support for international faculty
- Help scaling up projects

→Other feedback:

- WLL excels at faculty review process at all levels

Important Dates:

- 2/25 – 3/5 “Revenge of the 47 Loyal Samurai” (times vary; Lincoln Performance Hall)
- 3/3 CLAS Faculty Research Brown Bag; Ashley Streig “Investigative Geology”
(12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; SMSU 236)
- 3/10 Faculty / Staff Second Thurs. Social Club (4:00 – 6:30 p.m.; OAI SMSU 209Mezzanine)
- 3/17 Coffee with the Dean (11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; 335 CH)
- 4/8-10; 4/15-17 French Film Festival (5th Ave. Cinema)
- 4/15 Drop-in conversation with the Provost (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.; SMSU 258)
- 4/22-24 Italian Film Festival (5th Ave. Cinema)
- 5/4 Retirement party for Hickey, Kogan, Wetzel (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.; details TBD)
- 6/3 ? John Eliot Allen Teaching Awards (details TBD)
- 6/4 ? WLL end-of-year party (details TBD)
- 6/9 WLL Award and Graduation Reception (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.; SMSU 327/8/9)
- 6/12 PSU Commencement