

Department of World Languages and Literatures

Faculty Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

NH 491F

Attendance

Jennifer Perlmutter (Leading), P Basci, S Boero, J Ceciliano, J Coleman, C Collenberg-Gonzalez, W Comer, A Dolidon, L E, J Eleweke, C Epplin, N Friedberg, S Fuller, K Godfrey, G Greco, Y Hanoosh, M Hickey, J Holt, I Jaen-Portillo, G Kogan, T Menke, J Pease, M Rachmuth, S Roulon, R Sanders, D Sbait, A Sedighi, C Sloan, S Walton, I Warnock, J Waruhiu, S Watanabe, K Yoon, A Zagarella

Announcements

- Hanoosh received a \$5,000 Internationalization Grant for a project that connects WLL's Arabic majors and minors with native speakers within the public school system
- Karen Curtin will join us as Assistant Professor of Japanese (TTF) in fall
- Phi Sigma Iota is still accepting applications; see Holt or main office for paperwork
- Farrens Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship (\$5000) will be awarded to one student this month; scholarship amount will probably be higher next year
- Let Perlmutter know if you're planning on going up for promotion 2016-17

John Eliot Allen Teaching Awards (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; SMSU Ballroom)

Spanish and Arabic instructors are eligible this year

Faculty questions:

- How can we recognize non-major language instructors?
- Is there an example of another department that has this problem?

GTA workload

- WLL has request in to dean's office to have 35 GTAships which would allow GTAs to teach only one section per term; we currently have 28
- WLL has decided to have all new GTAs only teach one course in their first term of teaching.

Open Textbook (3:30 - Karen Bjork)

- The PSU library seeks proposals for open access textbooks by PSU faculty members; proposals are due May 6, 2016 with an expected completion date of June 1, 2017 (deadline can be extended)
- The textbooks are published in PDXScholar
- Faculty authors will be granted \$2,500 (donor funded); if this is a joint project, the money is split between faculty members
- The main author must be PSU affiliate, but other authors don't need to be
- The editing board is up to the faculty; must go through peer reviewers within or outside PSU and must have 3 peer reviewers
- The format is electronic, but can be printed by student from lulu.com and can contain audio/visual components
- PSU currently has 10 open textbooks downloaded over 5000 times from 75 different countries
- About 500 PSU students have downloaded books
- This project has saved PSU students \$59,000
- The application can be found here: <http://library.pdx.edu/services/pdxscholar-services/open-access-textbooks/>

Master in International Management (Asia & Pacific Rim) Pathway Program

- SBA proposes a 4+1 year pathway MIM program to support Asia and Pacific Rim concentration in Japanese, Chinese, and Spanish; students would complete a BA in our dept. then go directly into MIM program
- Students would take all of our courses except 2 advisor elective courses; they would instead take: MIM512- Global Leadership and Ethics (2), MIM516- Contemporary Pacific Rim and World Affairs (4), and MIM513- Pac Rim Economics, Trade, and Financial Markets (3) which would count both toward BA in WLL and toward MIM in SBA
- Advantages to WLL include publicity and an excellent job placement rate

- Can the 5th year students go to a Spanish speaking country or do they all go to Asian countries?
- Options for other languages?

Important Dates:

- 4/7 Amy Donaldson “Social Communication & Young Children” CLAS Faculty Research Series (12:00 -1:00 p.m.; SMSU 294)
- 4/15 Drop-in Conversation with the Provost (1:00 – 2:00 p.m.; SMSU 258)
- 4/20 Drop-in Coffee with the Dean (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; 335 Cramer)
- 5/7 WLL Graduate colloquium
- 5/18 Drop-in Conversation with the Provost (12:00 – 1:00 p.m.; SMSU 258)
- 6/3 John Eliot Allen Teaching Awards (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; SMSU Ballroom)
- 6/4 WLL end-of-year party (Steve Thorne’s house)
- 6/9 WLL Award and Graduation Reception (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.; SMSU 327/8/9)
- 6/12 PSU Commencement