

## Department of World Languages and Literatures

Faculty Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2016

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

NH 491F

### Attendance

Jennifer Perlmutter (Leading), P Basci, S Boero, C Breedlove, 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, Y Hanoosh, M Hickey, J Holt, I Jaen-Portillo, G Kogan, L Kominz, J Pease, L Quiroga, M Rachmuth, S Roulon, R Sanders, D Sbeit, A Sedighi, C Sloan, S Thorne, S Walton, I Warnock, J Waruhiu, S Watanabe, K Yoon, A Zagarella

### John Eliot Allen Teaching Awards

- Recipients are Cortez (Spanish) and Gomaa-Moulds (Arabic)
- Greco and Perlmutter to discuss recognition options for non-major languages

### Promotions

- Hanoosh promoted to Associate Professor with tenure
- Holt promoted to Associate Professor with tenure
- Eleweke promoted to Assistant Professor (NTTF)
- Rachmuth promoted to Senior Instructor 2 (NTTF)
- Nidever promoted to Senior Instructor 1 (NTTF)

### SBA MIM (Asia & Pacific Rim) 4+1 Pathway Program with WLL

Moving forward with French, Japanese, and Spanish

### GTA workload

- WLL and CLAS want to reduce GTA workload in WLL
- Now, all Spanish GTAs and many GTAs in other languages teach 6 courses/year
- Starting next year, WLL GTAs will teach a maximum of 5 courses/year and still receive same stipend
- CLAS requested additional funding from OAA to offset these costs, but it was not granted; Dean Marrongelle asked Perlmutter and Greco to reduce low-enrolled adjunct sections to cover costs for 2016-17
- 16 sections (64 credits) will be eliminated from our schedule for next year to cover these costs; Perlmutter has been in touch with Section Heads

### → Faculty questions and concerns:

- This is only a 1-year solution. How will we be asked to address this issue going forward?
- Graduate students pay graduate prices for undergraduate classes which might be deterring them from taking language courses.
- Other departments have made changes to their degree programs that result in lower enrollments for us.
- Consider teaching UNST classes at any level to familiarize students with WLL's faculty and approaches
- WLL should better communicate with advisers across campus

### GTA workload (Dean Karen Marrongelle and Associate Dean Matthew Carlson @ 4:15 p.m.)

- Looking at the GTA workload issue from a macro level, need to understand different workloads and set guidelines on compensation
- Seeking to find creative solutions to the workload issues, e.g. Portuguese as a model for course offerings (alternate years for first- and second-year)
- Encouraged WLL faculty to think creatively about how we can partner with other institutions locally to fill courses and increase enrollments in less popular classes/languages
- Is there a way to offer non-credit options for students to get people into classes?
- Suggested faculty work with Dean Carlson if they feel their ideas are not being heard by the university

### Faculty questions and concerns:

- If we eliminate courses, will students take those classes somewhere else?

- Suggest surveying students when they meet with advisors to collect data regarding language choices, advising, and how to steer students toward LCTLs.
- How can we partner with high schools now that Link is ending in a year?

**Important Dates:**

- 6/1 Drums! Dance! Drama! (7:30 p.m.; Lincoln Hall 75)
- 6/3 John Eliot Allen Teaching Awards (3:00 – 5:00 p.m.; SMSU Ballroom)
- 6/4 WLL end-of-year party (6:00 – 11:00 p.m.; 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 (10:00 a.m. – aprx. 12:30 p.m.; faculty lunch after; Moda Center)