

Foreign Languages and Literature Department Meeting

Neuberger Hall 393A

March 1, 2006

Attending: Pelin Basci, David Thompson, Robert Sanders, Cynthia Sloan, Josphat Waruhiu, Cliff Breedlove, Timm Menke, Anousha Sedighi, Jonathan Pease, Ann Wales, Oscar Fernandez, DeLys Ostlund, Manya Wubbold, Kathie Godfrey, Steve Walton, Jennifer Perlmutter, Martha Hickey, Robert Sanders, Laurie Cosgriff, Inger Olsen, Nila Friedberg, Galina Kogan, Steve Wadley, Suwako Watanabe

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 3:15PM

Congratulations to Inger Olsen for her new book, *Female Voices of the North II*, which she co-edited. Congratulations also to Oscar Fernandez for being accepted to the Folger Library Seminar on 16<sup>th</sup> Century Literature in Washington D.C.

Fernando Fabio Sanchez has accepted our offer. He comes to PSU from the University of Colorado at Boulder. His background includes film study, and he will assist in the Cine-Lit conference in 2007. He is also a novelist and journalist.

Nick Miller is the shining new addition to our staff. Maureen Sheridan's last day was February 28. This position is posted and will close today. FLL plans to fill this position as soon as possible.

Conference room painting is complete. New chairs and two bookcases will be purchased to house all the Graduate Theses, books authored by faculty, reference works, and also general works on pedagogy. We still plan to have the outer office painted over spring break, and the office will be completely closed for three days.

Dr. Rosengrant reminded everyone that this is a critical period for class enrollment. Faculty are asked to watch class enrollments and determine if certain classes need to be cut or collapsed into other sections. Rumors of a five or six million-dollar budget shortfall for next academic year were discussed. Dean Kaiser has called an emergency budget meeting.

The following PSU policies were brought to all attention.

Sexual Harassment – Faculty are responsible for reporting any known sexual harassment. Call Affirmative Action for any assistance or to report misconduct. Documentation is important even if follow-up is not required. Workshop on this topic will be included in TA's fall orientation.

Consensual Relationships – PSU does not ban this activity, but cautions against it.

Professional Standards of Conduct – This policy addresses issues of professional behavior in the workplace.

Announcements:

The Applied Linguistics Department will sponsor Dr. Keith Walters speaking on Arabic/French Bilingualism on March 9<sup>th</sup>. All faculty invited to attend.

Inger Olsen announced the Scandinavian Sampler Workshop will be held on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with Norway as the featured country.

Oscar Fernandez reminded everyone the Cine-Lit Seminar will be coming in 2007. Oscar, Robert Sanders, and Eva Nunez are the planning committee for this event.

Manya Wubbold announced that a public forum on a new bill concerning immigration will be held March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm on SE 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CALENDAR:**

W 3/8 Advisory Council 3:15

W 4/5 Department meeting 3:15

**MEETING ADJOURNED 4:00 pm**