

Foreign Languages and Literature Department Meeting

Neuberger Hall 393A

April 4, 2007

Attending: Pat Wetzel, Jennifer Perlmutter, Pelin Basci, Ayal Yariv, David Thompson, Oscar Fernandez, Gladys Perez, Josphat Waruhiu, Inger Olsen, Cliff Breedlove, Ann Wales, DeLys Ostlund, Maji Rhee, Bill Fischer, Nila Friedberg, Manya Wubbold, Anousha Sedighi, Galina Kogan, Ines Warnock, Robert Sanders, David Thompson, Steven Fuller, Kathie Godfrey, Stephen Walton, Dirgham Sbait, Fernando Sanchez, Stephen Wadley, Angela Zagarella, Martha Hickey, Eva Nunez, Suwako Watanabe, Jonathan Pease, Sandra Freels.

Congratulations to Karen Popp being awarded the Diversity Award for Staff by President Daniel Bernstine and Portland State's Diversity Action Council.

K.J. Kim from the Center for Academic Excellence presented the Wimba voice tool program to our faculty. Voice capabilities make it possible to administer oral tests, communicate individually, and listen to pronunciation with students.

Enrollments are down for the FLL Department from last year. Three less teaching faculty this quarter has had an impact on numbers*. Dr. Freels asks faculty to be attentive to students needs, and make sure all students are registering for classes they are attending.

News article from the University of Oregon discussing the 2007 Oregon Legislative Session, "Cuts for Higher Ed" handed out. Dr. Freels included contact information for all 2007 Oregon Legislature Leadership and Key Committee Chairs for faculty to respond to the cuts.

Dr. Freels also handed out a Portland State Facts sheet from the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), for the faculty to review.

Announcements:

Former Portland State University President Josph Blumel died.

Up Coming Events:

- April 6 Heritage fun, 7:00pm – 10:00pm Multicultural Center SMSU 238
- April 9 Begin Promotion and Tenure process
- April 11 Advisory Council, 3:15pm – 4:45pm
- April 15 Summer book orders due, cc Debra
- April 18 Bernard Spolsky lecture co-sponsored with Applied Linguistics
- April 23 Luo Xuanmin lecture on Translation & Interpretation co-sponsored with Asian Studies
- April 25 Lisa Vollendorf lecture "Female Writers of Spain"
- April 26 Diversity Awards, 3:00pm SMSU Ballroom
- April 28 Curriculum proposals due in CLAS (Due to Oscar Fernandez April 26)

May 2 Department Meeting 3:15 Conference Room
May 6-9 Danish Prof. to lecture in Inger Olsen's class – all welcome
May 9 Advisory Council, 3:15pm – 4:45pm
May 11 Begin 3rd Year Review (due to CLAS May 29)
May 11-12 Scandinavian Sampler, CH room 171
May 15 Fall book orders due, cc Debra
June 6 Farewell to Intl TAs/Lecturers, 3:15pm NH 393
June 8 CLAS Outstanding Teacher Awards – Chinese/French
June 8 FLL Potluck, Steven Fuller's home
June 16 Commencement, www.pdx.edu/commencement/faculty.html