

Foreign Languages and Literature Department Meeting

Neuberger Hall 393A

November 1, 2006

Attending: Jennifer Perlmutter, Anousha Sedighi, DeLys Ostlund, Nila Friedberg, Angela Zagarella, William Fischer, Suwako Watanabe, Martha Hickey, Steve Wadley, Manya Wubbold, Inger Olsen, Dirgham Sbait, Laurie Cosgriff, Galina Kogan, Ann Wales, Ines Warnock, Kathie Godfrey, Eva Nunez, Fernando Sanchez, Oscar Fernandez, Cynthia Sloan, Maji Rhee, Steven Walton, Robert Sanders, Josphat Waruhiu, David Thompson, Jonathan Pease, Larry Kominz

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 3:15PM

Provost Roy Koch was introduced. He is visiting all departments on campus to announce personnel, and division assignment changes within the Office of Academic Affairs. He followed with discussion concerning Promotion and Tenure guidelines, Diversity expectations, and Assessment implementations. He stressed attention to the process during promotion and tenure of faculty members, spending more time reinforcing the Presidents initiative for diversity within the faculty and staff during searches, and that there needs to be a more consistent look at the entire institution when assessment of curriculum is being considered. Academic priority setting for Deans, Vice Provost, and Chairs will focus campus wide when making decisions concerning budget. University Studies Program will be examined with the intent of determining relationship of curriculum to faculty as a whole. Provost Koch then asked what was happening within our department.

Robert Sanders and Kathie Godfrey explained the new initiative Cultures and Languages Across the Curriculum, with Kathie coordinating the (CLAC) conference held in October here in Portland. Program designed to have languages incorporated into all general undergraduate studies. Reported that eighty-four languages are represented on this campus alone.

Oscar Fernandez announced the Cine-Lit Conference will be held here at Portland State University in March with producers and presenters coming from around the world. Oscar, Eva Nunez, and Robert Sanders are coordinating this event here at PSU.

Dirgham Sbait commented on PSU not offering a PhD program in Spanish and said that there should be one. DeLys Ostlund's reply was there is not enough staff to implement one. Dr. Sbait also stated that Ancient Greek and Arabic should have major programs.

Larry Kominz passed out postcards announcing the Hiroshima Nacasaki International exhibit that will be hosted here at PSU November 2 – 29.

Proposed amendments to governance documents handed out. Advisory Council has recommended minor changes. FLL faculty were asked to read these before reconvening to vote. Discussion held concerning inviting a graduate student to the department

meetings, and also changing graduate participation to nonvoting status in the Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Dr. Freels announced a new course, FL 404 Language, Literacy Leadership being taught by Josphat Waruhiu. This class will be offered at Franklin High School one day, and PSU the other with focus on bi-lingualism, and bi-culturalism. Dr. Freels asks faculty to heavily recruit this class to students.

Coming Events:

Nov. 2-29: Hiroshima-Nagasaki Exhibition, Littman

Nov. 8: 3:15 Advisory Council

Nov. 18: 6:30 Noury and Lamia Al-Khaledy Scholarship Dinner, St. George Orthodox Church

Dec. 2: 7pm FLL Party

Dec. 2-3: Scanfair, SMU 3rd Floor

Dec. 3: 1-5pm Russian Cultural Fair, SMU Multicultural Center

Meeting Adjourned: 4:40