

FLL Department Meeting 11/07/07 3:15-4:15

Present were: Pelin Basci; Cliff Breedlove; Laurie Cosgriff; Oscar Fernandez; Sandra Freels; Nila Friedberg; Steven Fuller; Kathie Godfrey; Martha Hickey; Galina Kogan; Larry Kominz; Timm Menke; Eva Nunez; Inger Olsen; DeLys Ostlund; Jonathan Pease; Gladys Perez; Ma-Ji Rhee; Fernando Sanchez; Rob Sanders; Cynthia Sloan; David Thompson; Ann Wales; Stephen Walton; Ines Warnock; Josphat Waruhiu; Suwako Watanabe; Pat Wetzel; and Angela Zagarella.

The meeting came to order at 3:15 p.m.

Sandra Freels asked for discussion about reducing the \$10 student fee for the first and second year classes for which we offer majors and minors. Faculty requested an assessment of financial impact before making a decision.

Suwako Watanabe and Kathie Godfrey presented information regarding the Department assessment profile. Discussion regarding the Foreign Language assessment tools for language proficiency followed.

The consistency of the GSFLT with WEBCAPE, and the use of this for BA clearance was questioned. The GSFLT was designed originally as a Graduate Reading assessment for a grad level reading, not speaking, class. The group discussed revisiting the GSFLT norms.

For students who wish to show competency at the 203 level, some people thought that taking the final for a 203 class would be adequate.

The BA/MA requirements were different in the past, but the requirements seem to have drifted and blended. Departmental requirements and 2nd-Year Foreign Language for MA will be referred to the Grad Council.

The Department approved the Advisory Council's proposed FLL award reception June 12, 4:00-6:00 in the Browsing Lounge. Steven Fuller and Jennifer Perlmutter will coordinate.

The Advisory Council also proposed creating a scholarship fund to support undergraduate study abroad. Rob Sanders moved to approve the scholarship grant. Sandy will circulate the criteria for discussion. When we reach consensus, she will work with Nick and Jo Lucke on creating the new scholarship.

The next Departmental meeting will be January 9, 3:15-4:45.