

World Languages and Cultures Department Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Attendance: Argelia Andrade, Maria Barrio de Mendoza, Alicia Class, Andrew Gard, Andrés Moina, Nina Yoshida;

Division Office: Scott Kushigemachi, Ed Rice, Erica Soohoo

Zoom: Claudia Prada (PT), Rossella Pescatori (PT)

Not in Attendance: Donna Factor (SAB)

General Business:

- Argelia's Birthday
- Scheduling (Scott)
 - FT Rotation
 - Block Schedule
 - Scott informed faculty of the college-wide move to the block schedule and asked faculty to provide any feedback based on the offerings from last spring.
- WLC Lab Budget (Scott)
 - The college is reducing the hourly budget as part of the budget cuts. Scott explained that this will impact the Language Lab and asked faculty to work with the staff in the lab to plan hours to ensure that there is enough left in the budget for the Spring 2025 semester.
- Supplemental Employee Retirement Plan (SERP) Reminder (Scott)
- Counseling/Registration Issues Led to Imbalanced Spanish Classes (Andrés)
 - Concerns were brought up because many students (about 25) were enrolled in Spanish 1, but were eligible for higher level Spanish classes, which led to a significant imbalance. Faculty discussed the messaging around how students should be directed to ensure appropriate placement.
- Dual Enrollment Students Adding Classes (Nina)
 - Faculty discussed issues with Dual Enrollment students adding classes.
- Colleague in MyECC, RE: Class roster layout/features (Nina)
 - Faculty discussed and provided feedback on the new class roster layout and features in MyECC.
- Online Faculty & Staff Directory (Nina)
 - Updates to the directory have been submitted for the division and are in progress.
- Online Class Schedule (Nina)
 - Scott will raise faculty concerns about the searchable schedule to ITS.
- WLC SLO Updates (Andrew)
 - French 1 and Japanese 1 will be trying Canvas outcomes for SLOs. An in-person meeting will take place later in the semester for training.
- Latino/Hispanic Heritage Month Update (Argelia)
 - Argelia shared that Hispanic Heritage month kicked off and encouraged faculty to go out and support.
- WLC Conference (Argelia)
 - This was tabled until the October meeting.
- Second Floor Display Case (Ed)
 - Ed is working on creating a schedule to allow each department to showcase work and share accomplishments. An email will be sent out with the schedule and each department will be able to use the display case for a month, beginning in October.
- Credit by Exam, IGETC Inquiry (Scott)
 - On behalf of counseling, Scott asked faculty if they were open to bringing back credit-by-exam. Faculty unanimously agreed that they are against bringing back credit-by-exam due to enrollment concerns.
- LING Courses Denied for GE (Scott)
 - The linguistics course requests were denied again. Faculty agreed that they are still interested in resubmitting the courses for approval.
- DE Interviews
 - Faculty discussed the Dual Enrollment interview process.

Updates:

- Academic Senate (Stephanie B., Shane, Kevin, Brent, Sean, Erica B.)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- AFT/Union (Shane, Susan, Elayne, Mora, Sean)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- ASO
 - No representatives in attendance.
- Counseling (Sabra, Rosa, Amy, Rocio)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- DCC (Chelsea, Matt K.)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- Guided Pathways (Argelia, Chris P.)
 - No representatives in attendance.
- SLO (Andrew, Nida, Elise)
 - No representatives in attendance.