

World Languages and Cultures Department Meeting

Minutes for 10/10/23

Attendance: Argelia Andrade, Maria Barrio de Mendoza, Alicia Class, Donna Factor, Andrew Gard, Andres Moina, Nina Yoshida, Maria Carreira (guest)

Department Business

- American Associate of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (Dr. Maria Carreira)
Dr. Carreira spoke about the new partnership she was developing with the Humanities Division. The organization is the oldest language organization in the U.S. She now has an office on the first floor of Humanities. She is hoping to recruit more students to follow a career path in teaching Spanish. She also hopes to extend an existing relationship we have with DaVinci high School students and other dual enrollment students who wish to take foreign language courses.
- Faculty Service Awards
Alicia Class and Donna Factor –25 yrs
Andres Moina--10 yrs

General Business

Multi-Factor Authentication-- Scott addressed the implementation of MFA for faculty, staff, and students who access ECC e-mail and other functions when they are off-campus. It is federal law that all institutions with over 5,000 students comply with an MFA system. Because we use Microsoft, we have to use an app on our phones. Faculty wishing to opt out of the app can get a fob from ITS. The request form for fobs is still being fine-tuned by Loic in ITS. The rollout for this with faculty and students is not immediate, but coming soon.

- ASO Senators Handout-A QR code is available for those wanting more info about ASO Rep availability.
- Markers & Large Post-it Notes--Faculty needing the poster-size post-it notes for class usage should arrange to pick one up from the office. We have many from previous funding sources. There are also markers.

Updates

- Academic Senate--Stephanie Burnham will send an e-mail summarizing meeting
- AFT/Union—tentative contract was ratified by the union; now the board must vote
- DCC—no announcements
- SLO (Gard)—all SLOs are up to date on assessment/ Andrew also handed out pamphlets for a company that organizes study abroad programs
- Counseling—no announcements

- Guided Pathways (Argelia)-- Argelia announced that the Guided Pathways Success Team is recruiting new members for their committee. Faculty interested in joining the committee are eligible to get professional development credit which could be counted towards the equity requirement. The committee is currently working on the Best Practices Research Project.