

Foreign Language Meeting March 1, 2016

Attendees: Andrade, Berman, Class, Cummings, Factor, Moina, Shan, Sotolongo, Yoshida, Talavera, Ribelles de la Vega, Pescatori, Degnan, Geraghty, Lew

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CAREER FAIR APRIL 12 on Library Lawn, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Faculty Laptop Replacement/Classroom Software

1. SLO BUSINESS

Up for spring, 2016:

Spanish 1 (Talavera/Moina), 3 (A. Class), 21/22 (not offered), 52A (Class & Andrade)
French 1 (SLO 1), 2 (SLO 1), 3 (SLO 2), French 4 (SLO 2), 5/6 (SLO 3) (not offered), 21/22 (SLOs 1 & 2)
German 2 (Stevens)
Japanese 2, 4, 25 (Yoshida)
Chinese 1 (Shan), 24 (not offered), 21/22 (Shan/Carcamo)
Italian 1 (Kemitch), 21/22 (not offered), 24 (Pescatori)

2. PLO BUSINESS

- PLO 1 (conversation) done spring, 2015; not yet entered in TracDat but soon.
- PLO 2 (reading) is underway; Argelia is working on this.

3. AP SCORES AND PLACEMENT

3.1. The faculty agreed on the following guidelines for AP credit:

- 3.1.1. Spanish, French, Italian, and German: AP score of 3 or 4 = levels 1 & 2; AP score of 5 = level 2 & 3
- 3.1.2. Chinese & Japanese: AP score of 3 or 4 = levels 1 & 2; AP score of 5 = up to the highest level.
If questions, counselors should consult faculty.

4. THE TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE PROGRAM POSSIBLE PURCHASE (Marga)

- 4.1. Marga has looked into purchasing licenses—200 licenses for one year for \$4,000; however, Evelyne noted that French alone would need that many licenses because if we offer the product, we would have to offer it to all students. Evelyne also recommends a minimum 2-year initial contract because of training and time to become adept at using the product.
- 4.2. Andres noted that only German, Chinese, and Japanese are in critical need as students of those languages come to the foreign language lab only to find no programs for them.
- 4.3. Marga will discuss with the vendor different scenarios, including a two-year/400 license option. If it is determined that the product will be used initially for German, Chinese, and Japanese, the Japanese Foundation account, which has a balance of just over \$10,000, will be used for the purchase.

5. COMMEMORATION OF 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPANISH CIVIL WAR (SILVIA)

- 5.1. Silvia shared her idea for a fall semester series to commemorate the Spanish Civil War. This would include, potentially, flying three speakers in from Europe. The cost of airfare, room, board, and honorarium would be an estimated \$10,000, which Silvia proposes come from the Spanish Foundation fund, which currently has a balance of just over \$40,000. **The faculty voted unanimously in favor of this expense, and Silvia will now begin making phone calls to check availability and actual costs.**