

Minutes of a Meeting of the Department of Linguistics, January 15, 2010

Present: Jack Chambers, Elizabeth Cowper, Cristina Cuervo, Derek Denis, Jordan Dymont, Elan Dresher (Chair), Peter Edgerton, Elaine Gold (Undergraduate Coordinator), Daphna Heller, Michela Ippolito, Alexei Kochetov, Diane Massam, Naomi Nagy, Keren Rice (minutes), Sali Tagliamonte (Graduate Coordinator)

Regrets: Atiqah Hachimi, Yoonjung Kang

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 27, 2009, were circulated and posted on the Chair's Page: <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~dresher/grad/>. Thanks to Keren for doing the minutes. The minutes were approved.

2. Chair's report (Elan Dresher)

2.1. Relocation

As everyone knows, the Department has moved. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the move as smooth as possible. Special thanks to Bill for taking the lead in organizing, coordinating, and documenting the move and dealing with the Faculty and the movers.

Adjustments continue. For minor problems (implementation) consult with Bill; for larger issues (matters of policy, requests for major changes) let Elan know.

For routine maintenance issues, Bill should be contacted; for emergencies, contact university maintenance 8-3000.

A space committee will be established.

A computer will be made available in the library area.

Faculty need to be able to access Caslon and the fax, and thus need keys for the office area. Some of the fobs for the building doors work only at the east entrance.

Wireless is intermittent in at least some areas.

2.2. Academic planning

Despite the disruption of the move the department's academic plan was submitted on time on December 15. Thanks to everyone who contributed, it was truly a collective effort that reflects some of the qualities of our department that we tried to highlight in the plan. The plan is posted on the Chair's Page.

2.3. UTM job search

The UTM Department of Language Studies has a position in Theoretical Linguistics. The short-listed candidates should be announced soon. The plan is for them to give research talks downtown on Friday afternoons in January and February.

3. Report of the Graduate Coordinator (Sali Tagliamonte)

3.1. Admissions 2010-2011

The deadline for applications for 2010-11 is January 15. There are 134 applications begun in all, with 55 for the MA and 36 for the PhD near completion (some documents pending).

3.2. Scholarships for new admits

There are two new scholarship opportunities for new students:

Competitive Connaught scholarship for excellent international students;
Jackman Junior Fellowship.

3.3. Forum

The third forum presentations begin next week. In the first meeting of the term, time-lines, time management, “etiquette”, and language exam requirements were reviewed.

3.4. Language exams

The French language exam will be held on April 20, 10–12.

The Spanish and Japanese exams will take place in the week of March 15.

4. Report of the Undergraduate Coordinator (Elaine Gold)

4.1. Blackboard upgrade

4.2. Summer offerings

			<i>Cap</i>	<i>#</i>	<i>waiting list</i>
JLP315H1	S	Language Acquisition	0180	0179	1
LIN200H1	S	Intro Language	0025	0025	3
LIN200H1	S	Intro Language	0200	0199	86
LIN204H1	S	English Grammar	0225	0225	129
LIN229H1	S	Sound Patterns	0100	0100	3
LIN241H1	S	Intro to Semantics	0100	0100	23
LIN305H1	S	Quantitative Methods	0030	0030	9
LIN322H1	S	Phonological Theory	0035	0035	6
LIN323H1	F	Acoustic Phonetics	0045	0038	0
LIN333H1	S	Morpholog Patterns	0035	0023	0
LIN351H1	S	Socioling Patterns	0108	0071	0
LIN423H1	S	Phonetic Analysis	0015	0015	6
LIN451H1	S	Urban Dialectology	0024	0024	2
LIN481H1	S	Analysis & Argument	0015	0009	0
LIN498H1	S	Individual Projects	0005		

4.3. ROP in 2010-2011

If interested, please consult with Elaine.

4.4. Classroom bookings

Classrooms controlled by CHASS must be booked through CHASS, requiring special attention.

5. Reports of committees

5.1. Faculty of Arts and Science Council

Michela is taking over from Alana as the linguistics representative.

5.2. Campus liaison: UTSC (Yoonjung)

Discussions are underway to restructure the Department of Humanities into smaller units.

5.3. Guest Speaker/Tri-campus Atelier

Diane will chair the committee. The committee membership should be decided in the spring rather than in the fall to allow planning for the fall.

5.4. Library liaison

Keren will take over the job of library liaison.

5.5. Website

The blog is great – send information in for it.

6. Graduate students (LGCU) (Derek Denis)

The graduate students are generally happy with the move.

There are some unresolved space issues.

In the ground floor grad room: problems with lights and heating.

In the fourth floor grad room: problems with power under desks.

In the grad rooms, the desks do not have unique keys.

Wireless connectivity is not good.

Derek is keeping Bill and Kovit informed of these problems.

Several issues have been resolved: heating on fourth floor, hole under carpet, broken chair.

7. SLUGS (Peter Edgerton, Jason Dymont)

TULCon is scheduled for March 5–7; the deadline for abstracts is February 5.

8. Other business

There was no other business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.