

Minutes of a Meeting of the Department of Linguistics, May 7, 2010

Present: Jack Chambers, Elan Dresher (Chair), Elaine Gold (Undergraduate Coordinator), Daphna Heller, Yoonjung Kang, Alexei Kochetov, Keren Rice (minutes), Sali Tagliamonte (Graduate Coordinator)

Regrets: Elizabeth Cowper, Cristina Cuervo, Diane Massam, Naomi Nagy, Ana Pérez-Leroux

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of March 26, 2010, were circulated and are 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

Following the last department meeting Elan wrote to the Assistant Dean & Director, Office of Infrastructure Planning, detailing problems with the new space. A number of things have been fixed (tap in the lounge). There seems to be some progress concerning the lack of a meeting room/classroom: the Faculty is not giving us our own room, but it seems to be more committed to helping us book suitable rooms for classes and meetings. Concerning our missing faculty office, it does not look like there will be any big breakthrough there.

The following is current policy on offices, discussed informally at a previous meeting. The small office, 4080, will be assigned to a faculty member on sabbatical leave. That person will be encouraged to seek an office elsewhere on campus. For 2010–2011, Keren will move to 4080 and Elizabeth to Keren's current office.

A subcommittee on signage (Elaine, Jack) will investigate ways of putting the names of people in the main hallway in order to make the offices more accessible.

2.2. FAS new Academic plan and departmental reviews

The Faculty of Arts and Science (FAS) academic plan is expected sometime in May.

OCGS will no longer review graduate programs, this will be managed internally by FAS, along with the review of the undergraduate programs. These reviews will be combined, and no longer tied to the end of term of the Chair. Each department will be reviewed every 6 years (with allowance for special circumstances). According to the new schedule, Linguistics is due to be reviewed in 4 years, in 2013–14.

2.3. Advancement

Thanks to the generous contributions of two individuals who do not want to be named, the Henry Rogers (Memorial) Undergraduate Scholarship is now a \$30,175 endowed fund. This scholarship will support emerging linguists at the University of Toronto in perpetuity and ensure that Hank's legacy will be remembered for years to come. The

Advancement office at FAS has been in contact with Dennis Helm regarding the status of the fund, and they tell us that he would like to be kept informed of the recipients.

2.4. Faculty News

Keren's CRC has been renewed. Congratulations to Keren on this achievement.

SSHRC has increased the number of research grants by 50%, and by 45% in terms of dollars. The overall U of T success rate this year was 60%, the national rate 40%.

Linguistics had three applications, with a success rate of 100%. Congratulations to Alana, Alexei, and Sali on their new SSHRC grants.

According to the FAS statistics released last December, Linguistics was:

- first among Humanities departments by a considerable margin in total research funding relative to tenure-stream faculty FTEs;
- first in Humanities, and ahead of all but one Social Science department in proportion of tenure-stream faculty FTEs with a Tri-Council research grant;
- second in the Faculty in success rate in SSHRC research grant applications (86% success).

Hopefully these recent successes will keep us near the top in these categories.

2.5. OGS Fellowship News

OGS is expanding the number of fellowships, by 50%, meaning they are adding another 1,000 scholarships. This suggests we make an extra effort this fall to encourage our students to apply.

2.6 Annual activity reports reminder

Annual activity reports are past due. PTR depends on these reports.

2.7. Undergraduate applications to the Faculty of Arts and Science

Undergraduate applications for 2010–2011 were up by 6%, with those selecting U of T as their first choice up by 10%.

2.8. Minutes template

A template with a format for minutes will be prepared for department members. All those submitting major reports to department meetings are urged to use this template.

2.9. Postdocs

The Department supported several post-doc applications. One was successful, Jimena Terraza, from UQAM, who received a post-doc from FQRSC to work on Algonquian languages and language revitalization with Keren. She will begin the post-doc in January 2011.

3. Report of the Undergraduate Coordinator (Elaine Gold)

3.1. Arts and Science Scholarship reception

Elaine and Elan attended the Arts and Science Scholarship Reception on March 31.

Congratulations to graduate students Derek Denis, Isaac Gould, Meghan Hollett (two scholarships), Will Oxford, and Alexandra Motut, and to undergraduates Harmony Law and Efrain Klampf.

3.2. Lunch for graduating majors and specialists

Elaine and Diane organized a lunch for graduating majors and specialists on April 9. 18 students attended. Some are continuing in speech pathology programs, some are going to graduate school, and some to teach English in Asia. One is going to university in Beijing and one is on the Canadian beach volleyball team. The event was successful, and there was discussion about having a reception earlier in the year.

3.3. Winter 2009-10 session

The Winter session 2009–10 is finished. If students missed an exam for a Winter session course, they may write it in the period August 16–20. The Winter instructor will need to mark the exam, calculate the new grade, and submit a grade change form. If you find an error in any submitted grades, it can be changed; see Elaine or Bill.

3.4. Summer session 2010

Summer session begins on May 10. Keren and Elaine held a mentorship meeting for summer instructors and their mentors on April 27.

<i>Course</i>	<i>Instructor</i>
LIN100Y1 Y Intr Gen Linguistics	Ulyana Savchenko/Kyumin Kim
LIN200H1 F Intro Language	Bridget Jankowski
LIN203H1 F English Words	Monica Irimia
LIN204H1 S English Grammar	Cathleen Waters
LIN228H1 F Phonetics	Milica Radisic
LIN229H1 S Sound Patterns	Annick Morin
LIN232H1 F Syntactic Patterns	Richard Compton
LIN322H1 S Phonological Theory	Chandan Narayan
JLP374H1 S Psychology of Language	Vedran Dronjic

Summer enrolments are high, with large tutorials. It might be worthwhile to limit enrolments more next year.

Summer 2010 enrolment figures as of May 6:

			<i>Cap</i>	<i>Enrolment</i>	<i>Waiting</i>
LIN	JLP374H1S Psych of Language	LEC5101 Y	65	65	
LIN	LIN100Y1Y Intr Gen Linguistics	LEC5101 Y	80	79	
LIN	LIN100Y1Y Intr Gen Linguistics	TUT5101 N	40	40	
LIN	LIN100Y1Y Intr Gen Linguistics	TUT5102 N	40	37	
LIN	LIN200H1F Intro Language	LEC2001 Y	31	31	
LIN	LIN200H1F Intro Language	LEC5101 Y	69	69	12
LIN	LIN200H1F Intro Language	TUT5101 N	33	32	
LIN	LIN200H1F Intro Language	TUT5102 N	33	29	
LIN	LIN200H1F Intro Language	TUT5103 N	34	31	
LIN	LIN203H1F English Words	LEC5101 Y	150	150	19
LIN	LIN204H1S English Grammar	LEC5101 Y	150	150	10
LIN	LIN228H1F Phonetics	LEC5101 Y	90	82	
LIN	LIN228H1F Phonetics	TUT5101 N	30	30	
LIN	LIN228H1F Phonetics	TUT5102 N	30	30	

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LIN LIN229H1S	Sound Patterns	LEC5101	Y	40	37
LIN LIN232H1F	Syntactic Patterns	LEC5101	Y	40	39
LIN LIN299Y1Y	Rsch Opportunity Prg	LEC0101	NE	9999	01
LIN LIN322H1S	Phonological Theory	LEC5101	Y	35	24

3.5. **Lead Writing TA, 2010-2011**

The competition for a new LWTA (Lead Writing TA) for the Writing Initiatives Program has closed. We have made an offer and are waiting for a response.

3.6. **2010–2011 timetable**

The 2010–11 timetable has been finalized and is up on our website. Some changes were made after the printed version came out – the website is more up-to-date. We would like to have a link to course syllabi, so we will be asking for an electronic copy of your syllabus in the future.

3.7. **Blackboard**

Blackboard has been updated. There should be fewer ‘clicks’ to access different links, with drag and drop features. There are some changes in language: e.g., the Grade Centre is under ‘evaluation’; the circle to make courses available is under ‘customization’, and ‘properties’ on the control panel. It should be easier to set up tutorials. We can arrange to have a Blackboard workshop in our department if there is enough interest.

4. **Report of the Graduate Coordinator (Sali Tagliamonte)**

4.1. **Admissions 2010-2011**

Each faculty member received a list of the incoming students.

PhD	6	(5 domestic, 1 visa)
MA	13	(8 domestic, 5 visa)

4.2. **Awards**

An Avie Bennett scholarship was awarded to a visa PhD applicant who declined to come. Beth McLeod was awarded a PhD SSRHC for 2010–2011.

4.3. **May monitoring**

May monitoring is underway. PhD students have been reminded to complete their CVs, and committees should be meeting in the next while, giving completed May monitoring forms to Bill.

4.4. **Candidacy form**

For a PhD student to achieve candidacy, they must have completed their two language requirements, two generals papers, and have an approved thesis topic, supervisor, and supervisory committee. PhD students must achieve candidacy by the end of the third year of registration. Advisers should complete this form when appropriate.

4.5. **Graduate Handbook**

Alex Motut will update the Graduate Handbook.

5. Reports of committees**5.1. Guest Speakers**

The final talk of the year was given on April 27 by Robin Shoaps (University of Chicago), 'Modality and stance taking in Sakapultek Mayan'. The committee is working on speakers for fall 2010.

5.2. PTR Review Committee

A memo about PTR is posted on the chair's page, and a memo about further issues will be distributed soon.

6. Graduate students (LGCU)

No report

7. SLUGS

No report

8. Other business

There was no other business.

9. Closed portion

There was no closed portion.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.