

Minutes of a Meeting of the Department of Linguistics, May 15, 2009

Present: Susana Béjar, Elizabeth Cowper, Elan Dresher, Daniel Hall, Michela Ippolito, Yoonjung Kang, Maria Kyriakaki, Naomi Nagy, Chandan Narayan, Ana-Teresa Pérez-Leroux, Keren Rice, Sali Tagliamonte

Regrets: Jack Chambers, Cristina Cuervo, Elaine Gold, Alexei Kochetov

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2009, are posted on the Chair's Page: <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~dresher/grad/>. Thanks to Alana for doing the minutes. The minutes were approved.

2. Chair's Report (Elan Dresher)

2.1 Faculty news

Hank is not well and has had to cancel his course planned for the coming year. We all wish him the best. We have sent him flowers and a card.

Our new psycholinguist, Daphna Heller, will join us as of July 1. We have negotiated an adequate start up package to support her research, as well as arrangements with the Centre for Biological Timing and Cognition. We look forward to her joining us and to strengthening our psycholinguistics/cognitive science offerings.

Two faculty were promoted to Full Professor. Congratulations to Alana and to Ana!

We announced earlier in the year that Mary was the winner of this year's Dean's Student Life Award. Everyone at the award ceremony was very impressed with her speech.

2.2. Space

Adrienne De Francesco, Assistant Dean and Director of the Office of Infrastructure Planning in the Faculty of Arts and Science, sent us a third plan in reaction to our comments about the second plan. The Space Committee has studied this plan and the unanimous verdict is that it is unacceptable – there is a loss in terms of meeting space, casual work space, and graduate student space, and the lab space is inadequate. Thanks to Daniel for making up a diagram that clearly reveals the differences — all to the bad — between the space we have now and what is proposed.

The department agreed unanimously that this proposal is not acceptable: it is not a move towards better space, but rather is a move towards worse space than we currently have.

3. Report of the Undergraduate Coordinator (Elaine Gold, read by Elan Dresher)

3.1 Winter Term Exams and Final Grades

All grades have been submitted for Winter courses.

3.2 Summer Courses

The complete list of Summer course instructors:

LIN100Y1Y - Intro to Linguistics	Manami Hirayama & Richard Compton
LIN 200H1F – Intro to Language	Sarah Clarke
LIN 203H1F – English Words	Monica Irimia
LIN204H1S – English Grammar	Tanya Slavin
LIN228H1S – Phonetics	Nattaya Piriyawiboon
LIN241H1F – Semantics	Simona Herdan
JLP315H1F – Acquisition	Chandan Narayan
LIN351H1S – Sociolinguistics	Bridget Jankowski

Keren and Elaine led a mentoring meeting for Summer instructors on May 11.

Summer TAs and graders have been hired. Classes began May 11.

The enrolment has been good – in most cases higher than predicted. We increased the number of LIN200 tutorials to accommodate the numbers. However the tutorials for LIN100, Socio and Phonetics are very large, and we do not have the funding to create more tutorials. It is possible that the S courses might increase in enrolment.

	May 14 enrolment	Predicted
LIN JLP315H1F Language Acquisition	58	50
LIN LIN100Y1Y Intro Gen Linguistics	74	55
LIN LIN200H1F Intro Language	38 TESOL + 70 A&S = 118	50 total
LIN LIN203H1F English Words	137	95
LIN LIN204H1S English Grammar	90	110
LIN LIN228H1S Phonetics	55	60
LIN LIN241H1F Intro to Semantics	60	50
LIN LIN351H1S Socioling Patterns	38	35

3.3 Outreach - FLAUT/Spring Reunion

Elan is unable to give the May 28 talk, and Jack has offered to step in. His talk is entitled: Duke Ellington & William Shakespeare: Kindred spirits 400 years apart.

3.4 WIT

A Lead Writing TA will be hired soon. This TA will take part in a three-day training session in June and will work with LIN200 instructors and TAs in fall and winter sessions to incorporate more writing into tutorials and assignments.

3.5 Blackboard

Changes were recently made to the grade recording section of Blackboard. Elaine is trying to set up a workshop on Blackboard.

4. Report of the Graduate Coordinator (Sali Tagliamonte)

4.1 Admissions 2009-2010

PhD	= 8 (7 Canadian, 1 Visa)
MA	= 10 (5 Domestic; 5 Visa)

4.2 May Monitoring

May Monitoring is underway. Committees should make sure to meet with their students in the very near future.

4.3 PhD Candidacy

SGS time limit for having achieved candidacy: by the end of year 3 (September 15).

Doctoral students are subject to the School's policy on "Timely Completion of Graduate Program Requirements". A PhD student at the end of year three (year four for direct-entry students) is expected to have completed all program requirements exclusive of the thesis.

Note: students who have not achieved candidacy or have not received an extension will not be rolled over. In other words, ROSI will not allow such students to register for the subsequent session. Students will not be allowed to register if they have not achieved candidacy or if they do not request a candidacy extension.

Candidacy in linguistics: completion of all course work, language requirements, and generals papers. A thesis topic is required, as well as a supervisory committee.

If an extension is required, paperwork is due well before September 15 (end of August).

4.4 Graduate Professional Skills Program

SGS has launched a program called the Graduate Professional Skills Program (GPS). GPS provides a framework for coordinating and publicizing existing and new offerings in the area of professional skills development for graduate students, for establishing and implementing appropriate criteria to ensure academic standards, and for creating an institutional "seal of approval" to enhance the value of these offerings to students. Students successfully completing the GPS will receive a notation on their transcripts.

For more information on the Graduate Professional Skills program, including information sessions and offering descriptions, visit:

<http://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/informationfor/students/campus/gpsp.htm>

4.5 Graduate Handbook

A student is needed to update the Graduate Handbook. It will take 5-10 hours with a rate of pay \$20/hour. Sali is coordinating this.

4.6 Upcoming Thesis Proposal

Jae Hee Bak's Thesis proposal, "Light Verb Constructions in Korean"

Friday, June 12, 1-3pm, RL 6071

5. Reports of committees

5.1 Ethics (Keren Rice)

Christine Pittman has prepared an amendment for ethics protocols handled in the department (undergraduate courses involving research, research involving language consulting [narrowly construed]). This is to be used if any changes in the approved protocol take place over the duration of the research.

Christine has also prepared a form to use for linguistic consulting for work that can be handled at the department level. Such work is exempt from ethics review from the perspective of the university, although it must still be reported. The department handles these ethics protocols internally. Please note that we are very restricted in what can be

handled in the department. Consult the document on linguistic consulting if you are not sure whether your research should be handled at the department level or through the REB.

5.2 Guest speakers (Alana Johns)

Thank you to Susana Béjar for making arrangements for David Adger to speak. The visit was very successful.

Annie Tremblay will speak on ‘Segmenting speech in non-native French: The case of liaison’, a lecture sponsored jointly with French, on Wednesday April 20.

6. Graduate students (LGCU; Maria Kyriakaki)

All is well at the moment with the graduate students.

7. SLUGS

No report

8. Other business

The CLA schedule is posted on the CLA website and in the hallway..

9. Closed portion

There was a brief closed portion.