

Minutes of a meeting of the Department of Linguistics, October 31, 2008, 2:10 pm

Present: Susana Bejar, Richard Compton, Elizabeth Cowper, Elaine Gold, Atiqa Hachimi, Daniel Currie Hall, Simona Herdan, Yoonjung Kang, Alexei Kochetov, Maria Kyriakaki, Naomi Nagy, Keren Rice (minutes), Sali Tagliamonte (in chair), Dylan Uscher

Regrets: Jack Chambers, Cristina Cuervo, Elan Drescher, Alana Johns

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2008 are posted at <http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~drescher/grad/>. The list of committees is posted there also. The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

2. Chair's Report (Elan)

2.1. New department website

The new website is up. Thank you to Amanda Wagner of Digital Design in the Scotiabank Information Commons Digital Studio for doing the redesign as well as much of the updating to make the new site current. Thanks also to Diane, Elizabeth, Michela, and Rebecca for getting the ball rolling last year. For getting the site ready thanks to Bill for doing the hands-on work, and to Alexei and the Website Committee for taking on responsibility for the site. For comments:

- For updating of information, please send updates to Bill.
- For suggestions, complaints, etc., write to Alexei.

2.2. Nominations are invited for the Faculty of Arts and Science Outstanding Teaching Awards, deadline in early December. The eligibility criteria have been changed to limit eligibility to Associate and Full Professors (and Senior Lecturers), leaving out pre-tenure faculty. The Humanities Chairs are against this change. Any feedback on this change should be given to Elan.

2.3. Curriculum Renewal Initiatives Fund (CRIF)

There is funding for curriculum renewal efforts. The deadline is November 26. If anyone has ideas for proposals or is interested in serving on an ad hoc committee to develop a proposal, see Elan.

2.4. Space developments

Arts & Science has recently made another inventory of our space and they are considering places linguistics might go.

2.5. Day of Action

The Canadian Federation of Students are holding a student day of action on Wednesday, November 5, at Queen's Park, in favour of increasing support for post-secondary education and lower fees. Instructors are asked not to penalize students for participating in the day of action, though it is ultimately up to the instructor.

- 2.6 A recent survey (National Survey of Student Engagement) shows that the University of Toronto has improved in areas of faculty-student relations, the evaluation of the student experience, and in areas of collaborative, active, experiential learning.
- 2.7 All are encouraged to read the synthesis form of the 2030 document, available on the University of Toronto website.
- 2.8 A working group was established to follow up on issues coming out of Speaking Up regarding job satisfaction, especially among the female staff. There will be a follow up. The report of the working group is available on the Faculty of Arts and Science website.

3. Report of the Undergraduate Coordinator (Elaine)

3.1 HUM 199: 2008-2009

The following HUM199 courses will be offered in 2009-10.

HUM199H1F	Language and Mind	Michela Ippolito
HUM199H1F	Language Diversity and Culture	Elaine Gold
HUM199H1S	Language Diversity and Society	Jack Chambers
HUM199H1S	Analysis of Speech Sounds and Phonetic Experimentation	Alexei Kochetov

3.2 The following courses will be offered in summer 2009, pending approval.

LIN100Y1Y	Introduction to General Linguistics	offered annually
LIN200H1F	Introduction to Language	offered annually
LIN203H1 H	English Words	offered annually
LIN204H1 H	English Grammar	offered annually
LIN228H1 H	Phonetics	offered annually
LIN241H1 H	Introduction to Semantics	rotates with 229, 232; large demand
LIN351H1 H	Sociolinguistic Patterns	Never offered before; usually offer 1 3 rd /4 th LIN course
JLP315H1 H	Language Acquisition	alternates with JLP374 Psychology of Language
LIN495/6/7/ 8/9Y1Y/F	Individual Projects	offered annually

Elaine will investigate the possibility of coordinating summer offerings with UTM.

- 3.3 Fall Campus Day took place on Saturday October 25, from 10-3. Thank you to Simona, Lizzie, LeAnn, and Sofia for helping out. There were some problems with wheelchair access, but these were resolved. The prize for the phonetics contest will be sent out.

- 3.4 Manami Hirayama and Chiara Frigeni will teach LIN423 and LIN229 respectively in the winter term, replacing Alexei who will be on leave.
- 3.5 Instructors have received the final exam schedule and information about exam preparation and invigilators. Remember that final exams are due in on November 13.
- 3.6 The first flaut talk will take place on in November. Naomi Nagy will speak on ‘Writing a Sociogrammar of Faetar’. Yoonjung Kang will give a flaut talk in the winter term on ‘Western Borrowings in Korean’.
- 3.7 This is an interim report on enrolments in programs.

Post code and title	Year of Study					non-degree
	1	2	3	4		
ASMAJ0506 - MA LINGUISTICS	8	81	59	49		197
ASMIN0506 - MI LINGUISTICS	3	15	29	38		85
ASSPE0506 - SP LINGUISTICS	4	14	6	18		42
ASSPE1057 - SP LINGUISTICS & PHILOSOPHY		4		3		7
ASSPE2467 - SP LINGUISTICS & SLAVIC LANG		1				1
ASSPE2607 - SP LINGUIST & SPANISH & PORT	1	4		2		7
	16	119	94	110		339
Listed under other departments:						
ASSPE1122 - SP ENGLISH & LINGUISTICS	2	13	7	1		23
ASSPE1489 - SP LINGUISTICS & FRENCH		3	3	4		10
ASSPE1681 - SP LINGUISTICS & GERMAN	1	1	2	1		5

There are a total of 377 students in all of our programs, very similar to last year’s total of 382. There is a pattern of attrition after second year.

- 3.8 The first meeting of the curriculum committee will be held on Thursday November 20. Contact Elaine with any concerns. Prerequisites will be looked at, and action required for the programs to meet the requirements of the curriculum renewal directives. The committee consists of Elaine, Elan, Sali, Monica and Michelle.
- 3.9 In moving to a 12-week semester next fall, changes are being made to make the first weeks of classes run smoothly. Students will have one week to change their courses, rather than two. Waitlists will be active for that week. The Goldenrod Period will last for one week after that, rather than at the end of the fourth week. Students used to be removed from classes for nonpayment of fees during the second week (FINCA) –fees will be taken care of before classes begin. During the registration period A & S will overfill courses by the amount they predict will drop, and reset the cap to its real value in the first week of classes.
- 3.10 Someone from the Blackboard group is willing to visit departments to lead a workshop in using the Gradebook. Some interest was expressed in having a workshop in December.

- 3.11 Instructors should order their textbooks for next semester now. The Acquisitions Editor for Kendall/Hunt Publishing visited Elaine. They are looking for new textbooks in areas where current textbooks are inadequate.

4. Report of the Graduate Coordinator (Sali)

- 4.1 Thank you to Mary and Caroline for getting SSHRC and OGS applications in on time.
- 4.2 The deadline for Masters CGS applications is November 21.
- 4.3 The first round of forum presentations are done.
- 4.4 A workshop on supervising MA forums will be arranged, probably for December 12.

5. Reports of committees

- 5.1 Website committee
Please let the committee know of any changes needed, especially with respect to content.
- 5.2 Guest speakers
November 14. Andrew Nevins
November 21. Peter Siemund. He will be here for a full week.

6. Graduate students (LGCU, Maria)

No report

7. SLUGS (Dylan Uscher)

- 7.1 The SLUGS held their first meeting in early October, with around 20 participants.
- 7.2 There will be an academic talk in late November, perhaps co-organized with FLAUT.
- 7.3 TULCon, the undergraduate conference, will be held in the spring. U of T will coordinate with McGill, Cornell, and Harvard, at least in setting dates.

8. Other business

No other business