

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Department of Linguistics, September 26, 2008, 2:10 pm**

**Present:** Susana Bejar, Elizabeth Cowper, Cristina Cuervo, Elan Dresher, Elaine Gold, Daniel Hall, Simona Herdan, Monica Irimia, Alana Johns, Alexei Kochetov, Maria Kyriakaki, Naomi Nagy, Chandan Narayan, Ana-Teresa Perez-Leroux, Keren Rice

**Regrets:** Jack Chambers, Yoonjung Kang, Sali Tagliamonte

### **1. Report from the Chair (Elan)**

- 1.1 There are no previous minutes to approve.
- 1.2 Thank you to all who helped get the term off to a good start, including getting TA-ships underway, the opening reception, the TA training, the mentorship workshop, the LGCU meeting, orientation events, and others. Special thanks to Mary, Caroline, and Bill for all of their work. Thank you also to Diane for her advice and help in the past few months.
- 1.3 Welcome to the new faculty: Naomi Nagy and Simona Herdan at St. George, and Atiqah Hachimi and Chandan Narayan at UTSC. Welcome also to a new postdoctoral fellow, Daphna Heller, from Rutgers, at UTM.
- 1.4 Welcome also to Sali Tagliamonte as the Graduate Coordinator.
- 1.5 Everyone should be careful about security.
- 1.6 A search is underway for a tenure stream assistant professor in Psycholinguistics. The deadline for applications is November 14. The committee includes the following: Elan Dresher (chair), Elizabeth Cowper, Ana Teresa Pérez-Leroux, Keren Rice, and Ron Smyth; Monica Irimia is the student representative; and the decanal representative on the committee is Lynn Hasher, from the Department of Psychology.
- 1.7 Planning for 2009-2010 will soon get underway. Summer courses must be proposed by November 3.
- 1.8 Departmental committees for 2008-2009 have been struck. For a list revised as of October 24, 2008, see [http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~dresher/grad/committees\\_2008-09.pdf](http://www.chass.utoronto.ca/~dresher/grad/committees_2008-09.pdf).
  - a. The Guest Speaker Committee has been expanded to include the new Tri-Campus Linguistics Atelier. This will be a colloquium for graduate students and faculty in Linguistics from the three campuses. The first Atelier will be held on Friday October 3 from 1:30–3:30 in Bissell 205. The first speakers are Simona Herdan and Chandan Narayan.
  - b. Fall Campus Day and Flaut are subcommittees of the Outreach Committee. This committee will supervise other outreach initiatives, like the Linguistics Olympiad.
  - c. The Website Committee will work with the newly designed website to ensure a smooth transition between sites, and will update the site as need be.

d. The Newsletter/Alumni Committee needs a faculty member. The Committee may want to rethink the newsletter.

- 1.9 Keren was named a University Professor, a rare honour.
- 1.10. We are trying to rationalize the Friday schedule by adopting fixed slots in the morning which will be used by the various research/reading groups on a rotating basis in order to let people participate in more than one group, if they wish to. This semester, the Syntax, Phonology, and LVC groups have signed on to the rota. Psycholinguistics is meeting on another day this term, but want to participate in the rota next term. Thanks to Sali and Elizabeth for working out the rota concept.
- 1.11 The University is developing a future plan, Towards 2030. Documents are available <http://www.towards2030.utoronto.ca/>. The synopsis is called the Synthesis Report, and it talks about ideas for what directions the university should take, in particular how the three campuses should relate to each other.

## 2. Report of the Undergraduate Coordinator (Elaine)

### 2.1 Summer session

The summer session went well with more than one second year course offered than usual, and Writing Systems was offered for the first time. Thank you to the summer instructors.

			2008	2007	2006
LIN	100Y1Y	Vanessa Shokeir/ Richard Compton	53	55	43
LIN	200H1F	Richard Compton	50	70	81
LIN	203H1F	Mohammad Vahedi	92	141	128
LIN	204H1S	Katherine Verhagen	110	112	141
LIN	228H1F	Nattaya Piriya-wiboon	53	63	74
LIN	229H1S	Manami Hirayama	25	n/o	n/o
LIN	232H1F	Jonathon Herd	28	n/o	31
LIN/JAL	328H1S	Eric Smith	42	n/o	n/o
LIN/JLP	374H1F	Anny Castilla	31	n/o	33

There has been a decline in the number of summer students. Faculty wide enrolment is fairly stable, but some other departments have also experienced a decline.

### 2.2 Fall and winter session, 2008-2009

Several graduate students and recent Ph.D.s are teaching:

LIN100Y1Y	Intro (F section)	Chiara Frigeni
LIN200H1S	Intro to Language	Bridget Jankoski
LIN204H1S	English Grammar	Manami Hirayama
LIN333H1S	Morphology	Eugenia Suh
JLP315H1S	Acquisition	Anny Castilla
JLP374H1F	Psycholinguistics	Anny Castilla
JLS474H1F	Speech Disorders	Derek Beal

Advertisements have been posted for instructors for LIN229H1S Phonological Patterns and 423H1S Phonetic Analysis.

A mentoring meeting was held for new instructors; thank you to Keren for leading the meeting. Paul Arsenault organized the mentoring meeting for new TAs.

### 2.3 Enrolments

		<i>cap</i>	24/09/08 <i>enrol</i>	24/09/08 <i>Waitlist</i>	17/09/08 <i>Waitlist*</i>	24/09/07 <i>enrol</i>
JAL328H1F	Writing Systems	0163	0118			160
JAL401H1F	Field Linguistics	0015	0012			10
JLP315H1S	Language Acquisition	0175	0159			118
JLP374H1F	Psych of Language	0175	0155			163
JLS474H1F	Disorders of Speech	0040	0038		10**	40
LIN100Y1Y	Intr Gen Linguistics	0200	0194		12	200
LIN100Y1Y	Intr Gen Linguistics	0200	0194		17	196
LIN200H1F	Intro Language	0039	0034			44
LIN200H1F	Intro Language	0186	0174			192
LIN200H1S	Intro Language	0022	0011			6
LIN200H1S	Intro Language	0203	0132			188
LIN201H1F	Canadian English	0050	0036		4	30
LIN203H1F	English Words	0225	0223		37	195
LIN204H1S	English Grammar	0225	0225	48		225
LIN228H1F	Phonetics	0120	0119		15	108
LIN229H1S	Sound Patterns	0100	0085			100
LIN232H1F	Syntactic Patterns	0100	0087			105
LIN241H1S	Intro to Semantics	0100	0100	18		59
LIN306H1S	Language Diversity	0045	0045			13
LIN322H1S	Phonological Theory	0035	0035	10		32
LIN323H1F	Acoustic Phonetics	0045	0043		1	46
LIN331H1F	Syntactic Theory	0035	0032		2	20
LIN333H1S	Morpholog Patterns	0050	0006***			(95)
LIN341H1F	Semantic Theory	0035	0006			30
LIN351H1S	Socioling Patterns	0100	0063			(76)
LIN362H1F	Historical Ling	0035	0032			34
LIN423H1S	Phonetic Analysis	0015	0012			15
LIN432H1S	Adv Morphology	0015	0009			13
LIN451H1S	Urban Dialectology	0020	0014			

LIN456H1F	Language Variation	0020	0009	(6)
LIN458H1F	Revitalizng Languages	0020	0016	17
LIN479H1S	Current Issues Ling	0024	0024	
LIN481H1S	Analysis &Argument	0015	0012	9
LIN495Y1Y	Individual Projects	9999	0007	

\* waitlist turned off Sept 18

\*\* Speech Disorders is very popular –Many people want to get in to speech therapy. Have asked if willing to increase cap next year. Speech Therapy also accounts for some of pressure on 228 – but offered in the summers.

\*\*\* new this year as 3<sup>rd</sup> year course; 2007-08 still required 2<sup>nd</sup> year course so most current 3<sup>rd</sup> year students have taken it

#### 2.4 Program Statistics as of November 07

POST	Title	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Total
MAJ	LINGUISTICS	103	62	40	205
SP	LINGUISTICS	33	27	14	74

#### 2.5 Course-related documents

Please make sure that you give Elaine a copy of your course syllabus, grading scheme form, and, if applicable, description of duties for TAs/graders form.

#### 2.6 Prerequisite checks

The last checks for Fall have just arrived. Checks will be coming soon for Winter courses. While for linguistics it would be helpful if prerequisites were enforced, in some departments they are not enforced, and it is apparently difficult to implement true checks on ROSI.

#### 2.7 December exams

The tentative exam schedule is available, but should not yet be released to students.

#### 2.8 Arts and Science

##### Curriculum Renewal

Within the next 5 years all undergraduate Major and Specialist programs must be revised to fit the new curriculum requirements of:

- Depth of Study
- 5 Competencies (Critical & Creative Thinking, Communication, Information Literacy, Quantitative Reasoning, Social & Ethical Responsibility)
- Inquiry-Based, Integrative Experience.

In addition all Major programs must include at least 0.5 courses at the 400 level in their required courses.

We will have to explain how our major and specialist programs meet these objectives.

### Revisions to Academic Handbook

Glenn Loney, Faculty Registrar, is in the process of revising the handbook. Let Elaine know if you have suggestions for revisions.

### Revisions to Academic Calendar Year (starting 09-10)

- begin where possible the Monday after Labour Day,
- 4-day-weekend Fall Pause some time in November,
- 4-day-weekend Study Pause before Fall Exam Period,
- full 2-week holiday closure in December,
- resume as normal in January,
- Reading Week remains as is,
- April Study Week reduced to 2-3 days,
- End session by 30 April,
- Reduce classroom instructional time to 12 weeks per term,
- Summer 1Y courses reduced to 12 weeks (1H remain as is).

09-10 starts on Wednesday not Monday; Wed Nov. 11 will have Monday classes

## **3. Report of the Graduate Coordinator (Sali, presented by Elan)**

3.1 Thank you to Mary and Caroline for their help in teaching Sali how to the Graduate Coordinator. It is imperative to continue this level of administrative support.

3.2 Incoming students

The new students were introduced at the Department opening reception. They are:

Ph.D.: Continuing from the M.A. are Ailis Cournane and Michelle St Amour and two from away: Andreea Kosa from Simon Fraser and Safia Moghaddam from the University of Tehran (now a Canadian resident).

M.A.: Six are from the University of Toronto undergraduate program, Joanna Chociej, Derek Denis, Lizzie Di Giacomo, Suzie Dumitrescu-Georgescu, and Alice Meyers. The others are from all over: LeAnn Brown and Brenna Haimes Kusumoto from the University of Victoria, Kaori Furukawa from Concordia; Jennifer Higgs from Queen's; Anne Johnson from McGill; Mersedeh Mohaghegh, a Visa student from Iran who has been teaching Persian at the University of Syracuse; Alexandra Motut from McGill and UBC; and Jacqueline Peters from Concordia.

3.3 Graduations

Students who finished the M.A. this year are: Michael Barkey, Laura Baxter, Ailis Cournane, Vanessa Crandall, Ewan Dunbar, Yumiko Gondaira, Emma Lawson, Megan Louie, Christina Marshall, Mark Pollard, Michelle St Amour, Lyn Shan Tieu.

### 3.4 Enrolment and deadlines

Enrolment in courses for the fall should be completed. The SGS absolute final deadline for adding courses is October 3, but because any change requires action in the department, students still contemplating adding more fall courses should do so ASAP.

September 19 was the SGS deadline for submission of summer session grades and grades for courses where students were granted extensions. If the grade hasn't been turned in by today, extension requests must be made. Use the extension forms (SGS website).

Fellowship deadlines for SSHRC and OGS: October 10 for SSHRC, October 17 for OGS, November 21 for SSHRC (Masters). An information session will was held on September 18. All eligible graduate students are expected to apply for OGS.

3.5 The graduate brochure has been updated. Thank you to Emma Lawson for her excellent work in doing the editing and revising of this document.

3.6 Forum students have been assigned advisors, with no more than one student per faculty member.

## 4. Committee Reports

### 4.1 Campus Liaison

Yoonjung reported from UTSC that they are happy to have Ron and Bob back from their research leave and also happy to welcome Chandan and Atiq.

### 4.2 Ethics (Keren)

Ethics protocols involving elicitation can be handled within the department; others must go to the REB. It can take a month or so for approval from the REB.

### 4.3 Guest Speakers (Alana)

Upcoming events:

David Harrison. The Linguists. movie + discussion. 12 noon-2pm, Bahen 1160

Sponsored by the CRC in Linguistics and Aboriginal Studies and the Inuktitut Project

TWEAL. October 10.

Andrew Nevins Nov. 14 Title TBA

Peter Siemund Nov. 21. Grammaticalization, lexicalization, and intensification: English itself as a marker of middle situation types

### 4.4 Language reading exams (Cristina)

The language exams are being rethought. They will be done in the department, and will focus on comprehension rather than translation.

4.5 Library (Alana)

The library has acquired a copy of the DVD Speaking in Tongues (five parts).

4.6 Outreach (Elaine)

Fall Campus Day is Saturday, October 25th from 10-3pm. UC East Hall.

Flaut: There will be 3 evening lectures – in the fall, winter and spring.

Olympiad

Last year was the first time that U of T (and Canada) took part in the International Linguistics Olympiad for High School Students. About 20 Toronto students took part, and several did extremely well. Last year 12 Toronto students (all from UTS) wrote the second round. The top 4 form a North American team to compete in Eastern Europe in the summer. This academic year the first round is on Feb. 4 and the top 10% or so are invited to write the second round on March 11.

4.7 Recording equipment committee (Alexei)

Four digital recorders have been purchased with the Undergraduate Curriculum Development Fund award. A video camera will be arriving soon.

4.8 Research (Ana)

The deadline for SIG (SSHRC Internal Funds) applications will be November 6 and February 23.

**5. Graduate students (LGCU) (Maria)**

The graduate students met to choose committee members.