

Mt. San Antonio College
Department of World Languages
Approved Minutes for Meeting on June 3rd, 2015

Attendance: Manuel, Luisa, Solène, Aaron, Lízbet, Petra, Seema, Yuki,
Mihoko, Kurt, Serena

Recording of Session: Everyone was in agreement to have session recorded.

Approval of Minutes: Kurt moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Yuki,
and approved unanimously.

Faculty Association Report: *Revitalization Task Force* being formed for Puttin' on the Hits. Extra funds required to pay the Director of the show. The show has been losing money in the past.
Faculty Role in Sexual Violence Reporting/Prevention Task Force being formed. This was a result of the rape case that took place a year and a half ago. Luisa is no longer representing the Department in the Academic Senate. She is instead a member of the Board for both the Faculty Association and the Senate. Here she can actually vote for ranking the teachers that apply for positions in the future. Luisa stated that we could have as many representatives as the English Department if we volunteered; but we have zero.

Placement Test for Spanish: There was a three way conversation between Luisa, Ocampo, and the representative of **Avant**. This is the test that is going to be in place in the Fall. When Ocampo saw the price, he was surprised. Avant does 10% of the classes, Ocampo is used to doing all classes. Ocampo will go with the way Avant does it. The price is about \$20,000.00 (dollars). It is given at the end of the semester. Wherever the students fall, that is where they are placed.

Election of Co-chairs: Luisa and Solène were elected as co-chairs unanimously.

Schedule for Interview of Part-Time Faculty: Solène asked for volunteers to

participate in the interviewing of potential faculty members. The languages, dates, and times will be made known to the volunteers.

Court Interpreting Program in Spanish: Brian submitted a tentative program for the Department to offer. Luisa requested the approval of the members in attendance to accept this program as presented. This was different than a class. There is more work to do. It was decided to look at this program next semester and invite Brian to attend the meeting to answer any questions we may have, before we voted on the matter.

Arabic Heritage Speaker Classes 11 & 12: Seema shared the impressive increase in the number of Heritage Speakers that enroll in the Arabic 1 and Arabic 2 classes. In the spring, 2015, the percentage in Arabic 1 was 72% and the percentage in Arabic 2 was 80%. This warranted the writing of this plan for Seema to develop Heritage Speaker program in Arabic classes. Everyone applauded Seema's time and dedication to presenting such a comprehensive plan.

Honors Classes: We will try it with one class. Using the "stacking format"

Cover same material. I research paper, the student reads it ...Will talk to Jim.

Scholarship Ceremonies: A presenter for Ninneman Scholarship is needed. Mihoko volunteered. Luisa will call her to give her the information.

Flex-Day: August 21st. Serena excused herself, stating she could not be present, because her sister was getting married.

Departmental Printer: Yuki will select the printer.

Work Study: We did not have a student work study this semester, because we could not find a schedule for the student and professor to be in the offices at the same time.

EPIE: SLO/ PLO

Unit Goals: Solène passed out the sheets they had printed for the faculty to read and requested that we comment. Solène announced that the Department is now called "World Languages." She also asked that we think about a "mission statement."

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