

Sign Language Interpreting Department

Department Meeting Minutes

Oct. 21, 2015

Present: Bob Augustus, George Dorough, Bob Stuard

I NEW FURNITURE: UPDATE

We met with the consultant and deans to discuss options for new furniture in our two classrooms 66-201 and 66-205. We agreed that instead of the current configuration with seats that have attached desks, we will request separate desks and tables. The meeting went very well and they promised to return with a work up with drawings and a formal proposal.

II Brite Link Projector Proposal

In addition to new furniture we were approved for two Brite Link Projector systems. These are similar to what was known as Smartboards, but better. They are extremely adaptive and interactive. We understand that POD has these in place. We should plan an explorative trip over to POD to check these out.

III RFP Ranking

We went forward with two separate RFPs, one for a faculty position teaching ASL/Deaf Studies and one teaching Interpreting. The ASL professor position was ranked 4th by the division. This is exciting since we are in a year that there is money available to hire new faculty (not just replacements). It remains to be seen how this position will fair when vetted by the Instruction Team and by the Academic Senate, but we would be prepared to launch a search should the position move forward.

So, there is a strong possibility that we will be able to hire a new full time tenured track professor that will begin teaching in the 2016-17 academic year. If this position goes forward, it will represent the first new position we have had in 25 years.

IV ASL ENTERTAINMENT EVENT: JOHN MAUCER

Bob Augustus is working out the details for this event. It may be easier to work through the department than having the Club sponsor this event. Currently we do not have an active Club but we have sponsored events like this in the past as a department and they have always turned out very successfully.

V Speech and Sign Success Center (SSSC) Soap Box

CLS is planning another SSSC Soap Box on November 5th. Margo Cienik will be the featured speaker, but all are welcome to prepare something to present or sign. These have been very successful events in the past and they do a good job of blending speech and sign students giving both an opportunity to share the spotlight and shine.