

World Languages and Cultures Department Meeting Minutes

November 25, 2025

Attendance: María Barrio de Mendoza, Donna Factor, Andrew Gard, Andrés Moina, Nina Yoshida; **Division Office:** Scott Kushigemachi, Erica Soohoo; **Zoom:** Argelia Andrade, Rossella Pescatori (PT), Sabra Sabio (Counseling)

General Business:

1. EOPS/CARE, NextUp, CalWORKs, and Guardian Scholars Recognition
2. Coordination of Lab Hours
 - Andrés will reach out to the staff currently working in the lab to confirm Spring 2026 availability. Scott notified faculty that staff in the lab cannot work as volunteers.
3. Bookstore/Textbooks
 - Scott reminded faculty to review the email sent out by Dean Crystle Martin and confirm/submit requests for textbooks for Spring 2026. There will also be customer service from Barnes and Noble on-site at the Bookstore to assist starting in Spring 2026.
4. Linguistics Articulation
 - Linguistics courses were denied for the GE pattern, however Lori Suekawa has been working to request linguistics articulation with transfer schools. Hopefully, the courses can be offered in the future.
5. RSI Update
 - Argelia and Rhea will connect to get feedback on RSI.
6. Parking Enforcement
 - Faculty were reminded to register their license plates, as parking is being enforced.
7. Proposal to Update Spanish AA-T and Spanish for Professionals Certificate
 - The proposal to remove SPAN 1 from the AA-T and change the Spanish for Professionals Certificate requirement to one of the main Spanish courses and SPAN 10 will be added to the plan for Spring 2026.
8. WLC Offerings in Summer and Fall 2026, Sign-Up Sheet
 - Scott notified faculty of changes for summer semesters to start offering more in-person and hybrid courses and offer more courses during the first 6-weeks. Faculty discussed Fall 2026 schedule changes.
9. Canvas Outcomes
 - Kevin was not able to attend this meeting, but Scott will follow up to try to set up a meeting before the end of the semester to discuss questions about Canvas outcomes.
10. Counseling Meeting
 - Argelia will attend the meeting on Wednesday and share feedback on native speaker placement and recommending students take courses at the level they're ready for. Faculty will work on creating and sharing a placement tool.
11. WLC Lab Remodel
 - This was board approved in November.
12. Dual Enrollment (Andrés)
 - Scott will share faculty feedback about dual enrollment courses with the districts.
13. PT Hiring
 - Faculty unanimously agreed to do a PT Spanish recruitment in Spring 2026.
14. SPAN 1 SLO 3 Proposed Revision (María)
 - Scott will send María the form to revise SLOs and María will send the proposed revisions to all Spanish faculty prior to submission.
15. Language Exchange Update (María)
 - This was postponed until Spring 2026.
16. Online Class Schedule Questions/Feedback (Nina)
 - Scott will follow up with ITS.
17. WLC Department and Programs Webpages (Nina)
 - Webpage updates are in progress across the college due to the recent changes.

Updates:

- A. Academic Senate (Stephanie B., Larry, Brittany, Sean, Erica B.)
 - No representative in attendance.
- B. AFT/Union (Stephanie M., Elayne, Mora, Sean)
 - No representative in attendance.
- C. ASO
 - No representative in attendance.
- D. Counseling (Sabra, Rosa, Amy, Rocio, Tawnya)
 - The Cal State and UC application deadline is 12/1 in most cases, but some colleges are still accepting applications into January. Students should check the transfer website for more details.
- E. DCC (Chelsea, Matt K.)
 - No representative in attendance.
- F. Guided Pathways (Argelia, Chris P.)
 - No update.
- G. SLO (Andrew, Nida, Elise)
 - No update.