

El Camino College Humanities Division
Foreign Language Meeting
May 14, 2013

In attendance: Elise Geraghty, Evelyne Berman, Alicia Class, Anne Cummings, Donna Factor, Bernie Rang, David Shan, Carmen Sotolongo, Nina Yoshida, Rosella Pescatori

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1. Andres Moina will be joining our department as a full-time Spanish instructor this fall.

2. SRC (Sharin Nakayama and Jaymie Collette)

Jaymie reviewed common misconceptions about American Sign Language, including the little known fact that ASL is *not* a universal language; for example, JSL is used in Japan, and MSL is used in Mexico. The SRC representatives acknowledge the challenges in assessing deaf students in FL classes and suggest that oral components for assessment be transferred to written assessments for deaf students. They also emphasize that it is illegal to ask a deaf student to speak unless the student volunteers to do so.

Handouts were provided to the FL language faculty: “The ABC’s of Working with Deaf People” and the PEPNet Tipsheet, “Interpreting.”

Jaymie also noted that the preferred terms in the deaf community are “deaf” and “hard of hearing”; “hearing impaired” is viewed as a pejorative term and is not preferred.

3. ACCREDITATION

3.1. SLOs

3.1.1. SLO assessment update: Elise noted that the Foreign Language SLO assessment binder is looking very good, but a couple of reports are still not on file. She will contact faculty whose assessments are either still lost in CurricUNET or lacking in key areas. Overall, the department has made great progress in the gathering and organizing of SLO assessment documents.

3.2. CURRICULUM

3.2.1. IGETC list of approved courses: Elise noted that not all of the FL level 2 and up courses are listed on the IGETC course requirements (page 44 of general catalog), and there is no reason that they should not be. Faculty from each language will take responsibility for checking the list and contacting Lori Suekawa regarding their courses.

4. PROGRAM REVIEW UPDATE

4.1. Refresher session on May 23 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

