



Department Faculty Meeting
Friday, March 7, 2025, 2:30pm

Location: Denny 213, remote option on Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/92644258800>

Agenda

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Vote:** Approval of Minutes (February) (*standing item*; Handel) 2:30-2:35
- III. **Announcements** (*standing item*; Handel) 2:35-2:45
 - Nominations for convocation speaker
 - Federal policy changes and local impacts (federal grants, immigration status, etc.)
- IV. **Updates** (*standing item*) 2:45-2:55
 - Search for Assistant Professor of Telugu (Mack)
 - Search for department Administrator (Handel)
 - Search for department Chair (Matsuda-Kiami)
- V. **Discussion and vote:** JSIS use of THAI prefix for Thai language courses (Handel; Appendix 1) 2:55-3:10
- VI. **Update and Discussion:** By-Laws Committee (Pauwels; Appendix 2) 3:10-4:00
- VII. **Adjournment**

Appendix 1: JSIS/CSEAD request to use THAI prefix for Thai language courses

Although AL&L has not taught Thai language courses for many years, the THAI prefix still exists in the course catalog under our department. This means it is not available for other units to use.

Thai has been taught within the Center for Southeast Asian Studies in the Jackson School for several years, using generic course numbers. This has the following disadvantages:

- It is more difficult to attract students, because the course prefix is unclear.
- Students who take several years of Thai run into problems because they repeat the generic course numbers and there is a limit to how many times they can be repeated.
- The courses are not legible as Thai language on student transcripts.

I have received a request from Celia Lowe, the director of CSEAD, to use the THAI prefix. Should Thai instruction return to our department in the future, the THAI prefix would come back with it.

There is a precedent: Tagalog was once taught in our department. It is now taught in American Ethnic Studies under the TAGLG prefix.

The three Southeast Asian program permanent faculty (Bich-Ngoc, Pauli, Nazry) have indicated their approval.

Motion: The faculty of the Department of Asian Languages and Literature approve the use of the THAI prefix for Thai languages courses taught within the Jackson School of International Studies.

Appendix 2: Survey Results on Bylaws

See separately distributed file.