



ASIAN LANGUAGES & LITERATURE

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Department Faculty Meeting

Friday, March 7, 2:30pm

Location: Denny 213, remote option on Zoom: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/91739322206>

Attendance

Voting-eligible faculty (24): Ahmad, Atkins, Bhowmik, Chandekar, Cho, Choi, Dubrow, Handel, Iwata, Kiami-Matsuda, J. Kim, U. Kim, Ma, Mack, Marino, Nazry, Nishikawa, K. Ohta, Pauwels, Rominger, Sandjaja, Takeda, Wang, Yu

Others present (3): Kirk Van Scoyoc, Xinyue Yu, Jieyu Zhou

Minutes

I. Call to Order 2:35pm

II. Vote: Approval of Minutes (December) (*standing item*; Handel) 2:36

Minutes approved.

III. Announcements (*standing item*; Handel) 2:36-2:55pm

Successful "Postwar Vietnam & Cambodia" conference discussed. Faculty resignation announced. Request for convocation speaker made. Discussion of CAS budget and impact of federal policies. Graduate Admissions notifications discussed.

IV. Updates (*standing item*; Handel) 2:54-3:05pm

Search for Assistant Teaching Professor of Telugu discussed. Committee report will be available on Monday, March 10. Voting faculty will convene on Monday, March 17.

Search for Administrator discussed. Vetting process explained. Position may be filled in 3-4 weeks. Search for Departmental Chair discussed. Chair search meetings began this week and continue next week. A meeting with graduate students will take place March 14. Additionally, there an anonymous form faculty may complete by March 17.

New important update related to early China search in the History Department discussed. No objections were raised to AL&L being offered the opportunity to consider a spousal hire should one be presented to the department.

V. Discussion and vote: JSIS use of THAI prefix for language courses (Handel; Appendix 1) 3:05-3:07

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.

Yes: 24 No: 0 Abstain: 0

Motion passes.

VI. Update and Discussion: By-Laws Committee (Pauwels and Atkins; Appendices 1-4) 3:08-4:00

Discussion took place regarding faculty survey. Various ideas about the composition of the executive committee debated. Powerpoint with survey data requested by faculty, will be sent out by email.

VII. Adjournment 4:02pm

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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.

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Appendix 2: Survey Results on Bylaws

See separately distributed file.