

## Colleges and University Working Group, WFLTA, 6 October 2017, Sheridan, Wyoming

In Attendance: Joy Landeira, Ian Caldon, Eric Atkins, James Gustafson, Renee Fritzen, Juan Antonio Bernabeu, Charles Ewing.

I. 2140 (3cr.) is now “Introduction to Cultural Readings” and may be taken concurrently with 2040.

- a. Geared more towards culture, current events, building students up to literary crit.
- b. JL will e-mail new syllabus to all.
- c. Can this course be offered at a community college?
  1. Use of internet.
  2. Offer as credit for Study Abroad?
  3. Offer in summer?
- d. Jim Gustafson will try to offer through WWCC in summer 2018.
- e. Charles Ewing will submit FREN 2140 for curriculum approval at Casper College.

II. 3140 is now “Intro to Literature”

III. “Reverse Transfer” of Credits is now possible, i.e. students may earn credits at UW-Laramie and then transfer them to Community Colleges to earn an A.A.

IV. Funding for graduate students to learn a 3<sup>rd</sup> language has been cut, so 3<sup>rd</sup> language is no longer required for Spanish MA at UW. This puts students at a serious disadvantage, especially if they plan to move on in academia.

V. Training WL teachers in Wyoming

- a. Those students who were already declared for WL+teaching may continue their program, no new students can declare.
- b. The Dept. of Modern&Classical Langs is rushing to develop a new option for teacher training in Wyoming.
  1. Student teaching abroad?
  2. JL is working on sending student teachers to Colorado
  3. Pedagogical elements are being wrapped into the Spanish MA program.
  4. Plan for a 36 credit MA in “World Languages” that will include pedagogical elements, theory, Spanish, and French! UW-Laramie will be hiring a new tenure-track professor in linguistics/pedagogy who will have 2 teaching languages.

VI. Heritage speakers and DLI kids coming up.

- a. The first course for heritage speakers is 3000-level.
- b. What will DLI students need when they reach college/university?

VII. Courses and Events at UW-Laramie.

- a. Summer 2018 Study Abroad courses: SPAN 4600 (New Mexico) and SPAN 3070/4600 (Argentina). (Can earn Spanish MA in 3 summers + thesis)
- b. Bring community college students to Laramie for class observation & lunch? Late March?
- c. Short-term faculty-led abroad programs can be better communicated across the state to improve enrollment and participation.

VIII. Exploration of Assessment. JL is considering writing a grant to fund an assessment at the end of 2040 across the state.

- a. OPI
- b. STAMP?
- c. AAPL from ACTFL

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