

Minutes, IESL meeting, 4 Nov 2013, 1.30-2.45 pm, Faculty Commons 301F

Present: Danny Moates, Muriel Gallego, E. Ariadna Sánchez-Hernández (student member), Puli García-Torres (student member), Anita Belfiore (Certificate student), Emilia Alonso-Marks.

1. The meeting started with the business agenda first. Danny talked about his idea of sponsoring a student through the IESL. He had seen an ad on the LSA website for a female student currently at University of Haifa, Israel, this summer. Her research interests are instructional technology and multilingualism. Both faculty and student members thought it would be a good move for us to sponsor a student/visiting scholar, as we have done it successfully in the past. However, we would need at least one IESL faculty member interested in collaborating with our potential scholar. If you know a student/scholar with whom you are interested in working and having her/him sponsored by our institute, please let me or Li know.

2. We also talked about meeting times and presenters for our meetings this spring. It seems to me that Monday afternoons and Friday mornings could still be the best times for almost everybody. I will send out a Doodle with days and times for IESL members and students to indicate their best times. This is the link:

<http://doodle.com/edp2uymg73rwsqe4>

Muriel and I would like to present next spring; and we would like to identify a guest speaker to visit us next spring. Emilia will ask Li to start thinking about possible speakers. We would still need two other presenters. Please let me or Li know if you are interested in presenting your research or research-in-progress at one of our meetings.

3. Our student member, Puli García-Torres, gave a great presentation of her research project on the effects of two aspects, opacity and productivity, affecting derived words in Spanish. Puli has analyzed a corpus of 550 derived words with the most productive suffixes in Spanish. She has also collected data from 150 high school participants on their morphological awareness. There was an animated discussion following the presentation. Puli also received positive feedback and words of encouragement from IESL members. Congratulations, Puli, and best luck with your project!

4. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 6, 10.00-11.00 am, at Faculty Commons 301F. Our presenter that day will be certificate student Anita Belfiore.