

Minutes, IESL meeting, 4 Oct 2013, 10.00-11.00 am, Faculty Commons 301F

Present: Li Xu, Sally Marinellie, Liang Tao, E. Ariadna Sánchez-Hernández (student member), Puli García-Torres (student member), Alba García-Alonso (Certificate student), Juan M. Regalado-Hens (tech support), Emilia Alonso-Marks.

1. Our student member, E. Ariadna Sánchez-Hernández, gave a wonderful presentation of her research project on the development of pragmatic routines by first-semester international students while studying abroad. Ari is measuring the effects of two variables, namely acculturation and intensity of interaction in the host community. There was an animated discussion following the presentation. Ari has been invited to give a colloquium for the Department of Linguistics this fall, and another one for the School of Communication Sciences and Disorders in spring. Congratulations, Ari!
2. The business section of our meeting started with a round of applause for Li Xu, our recently elected Associate Director for Research. Congratulations, Li!
3. Our tech support, Juan M. Regalado-Hens, has been diligently working on our website. We obtained access to our domain at www.ohio.edu/iesl. Please check out our website for important updates, information, useful links, etc.
4. Student member, Puli García-Torres, has been working on updating our logo. She presented her ideas to us, and got feedback from us. She is now planning to create her own design. Once it is finished, Puli will send it around so that members could comment on the design and provide feedback to her.
5. Liang Tao and Emilia Alonso-Marks met with the interim Executive Director for IT and Research and chair of the search committee, Sam Girton. The search committee is asking for student and faculty feedback on the seven finalists. We are interested in the candidates' perspective on the role of research for this position. There is a need for faculty and student support in the area of research, with research design, consultation and implementation. There is also a need for training and refresher courses on the latest technologies and statistical packages. The talks are streamed on line. Liang and Emilia have asked their GAs to attend the talks, when possible, or to view the videos and transcribe the finalists' answers to the questions pertaining to research. The last talk is scheduled for Monday, October 7, 1.00 pm, Alden 319. These are the three questions that Liang prepared for our GAs to ask at the finalists' talks: 1) What specific expertise can you offer that may either be compatible or better complement current research development at Ohio University?; 2) What can you offer from this position to assist research training and development of both undergraduate and graduate students?; and 3. As you know, Ohio University is a Research Institution. What do you think this position can provide for promoting faculty and graduate student research to elevate the scientific contributions of Ohio University to the scientific world? If any of you were inclined to contact the chair of the search committee, Sam Girton, please send him an email to girton@ohio.edu.
6. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 1.30-2.30 pm, at Faculty Commons 301F. Our presenter that day will be Puli García-Torres.