

Minutes, IESL meeting, 9 Sep 2013, 1.30-2.30 pm, Faculty Commons 301F

Present: Danny Moates, Li Xu, John McCarthy, Chao-Yang Lee, Muriel Gallego, Puli García-Torres (student member), Emilia Alonso-Marks.

Guest: Mario Grijalva, Tropical Disease Institute.

Guest Students: E. Ariadna Sánchez-Hernández (applicant for membership), Juan Manuel Regalado-Hens (applicant for membership), Anita Belfiore (Certificate).

1. Our guest speaker, Mario Grijalva, Director, Tropical Disease Institute, informed us about the advantages of having institute members put their external grants through the institute. Part of their research incentive will be given to us, and the IESL director will, in turn, offer a higher percentage for the institute member who is the PI on that project than the department will offer.
2. Student applicant for membership, Juan Manuel Regalado-Hens, has been diligently working on our website through blogspot while we wait to be granted access to our former ohio.edu/iesl official domain. Emilia will be communicating with OIT.
3. Muriel has had some ideas about incentives for IESL members through the institute. Perhaps we should establish a fund to which we could all contribute monthly dues. Member incentives could be: participating in/attending an institute symposium, creating a journal, etc.
4. Danny talked about our current joint IESL morphological awareness project. We are interested in studying how aware are children (third-fourth graders) of morphological processes (decoding) for reading and vocabulary acquisition. Sally, Jim Salzman, Emilia and Danny have been working on the project materials: derived words that are considered either transparent or opaque, depending on their suffixes. Research indicates that words that are opaque are more difficult to decode than transparent words. We are currently measuring distance - how many phonological changes are involved - from the root to the derived word.
5. John proposed the idea that we could have monthly research questions to promote more faculty interaction and involvement. Ideally the IESL could be a vehicle through which we could share ideas and get feedback from colleagues. More fruitful, meaningful interactions, and even collaborative projects could be born out of sharing our research. Puli thought it would be a good idea to propose a question for everybody to respond right after presenting our research at IESL meetings.
6. The institute needs another officer. Since Emilia became the new IESL director, the Associate Director for Research position is available. Danny informed us about the election process. Emilia was going to appoint a three-member committee for that purpose. Nominations are being accepted. If you would like to nominate a member or nominate yourself, please let me know.
7. This Friday, September 13, 5-7 pm, at 1804 Lounge in Baker Center, we will be having a reception to honor Danny as our former IESL director. Please join us in the celebration!
8. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 10-11 am, at Faculty Commons 301F. Our presenter that day will be either E. Ariadna Sánchez-Hernández or Puli García-Torres.