Meeting of the Department of Languages & Cultures, March 3, 2015

Present: Eileen Doll (Chair), Khedidja Boudaba, Dittmar Dittrich, Isabel Durocher, Bill Farge, Alice Kornovich, Lisbeth Philip, Peter Rogers, Josefa Salmón, Leopoldo Tablante,

The Chair made several announcements:
   a. Think about whom we should nominate for the Faculty/Staff Excellence Awards—online forms due 4/10 (Teaching, Advising, Research, Community Service)
   b. Midterm grades due by 3/10
   c. President’s Open House on 3/14 (Sat.)—We will have a department table 12:30-2:00 in Rec Plex. Alice & I will be there—anyone else want to join us? Any students?
   d. If anyone has ideas on how to reduce expenses or increase revenue, please let me know or email Dean Calzada
   e. CILCA conference next week, 3/11-3/13—we are invited to the opening and closing ceremonies/receptions

The minutes from the 2/3/15 meeting were approved as amended (reflected in the minutes themselves). The earlier minutes from Fall 2014 and January 2015 were all approved.

Isabel Durocher gave presentation of what she learned at the ACTFL meeting in 11/14. She gave a detailed explanation of intercultural communicative competence, the importance of teaching deep (subjective) culture, and some examples of how that can be achieved. After her presentation, we had a general discussion of the ideas and possible implementation of intentional presentation of culture in our beginning level language classes, and/or to develop into a minor.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Doll