MCL LANGUAGE MATTERS

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Chair

General News and Announcements

•Continental Coffee Hour on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Departmental Lounge.

•Atlas Week will take place March 30-April 6 under the theme of "Voices around the Globe." It would be great if MCL could make some significant contributions to this week celebrating things international at SLU. Please contact Dr. Evelyn Meyer (emeyer16@slu.edu) for more details. The submission deadline is Feb. 23.

Meetings

•All Division Coordinators and Graduate Program Directors on Thursday, Feb. 26 at 4 in RH 223 to talk about the Academic Program Review of the Department. Please note the time change from 3:30.

Deadlines

•All Divisions should have their courses for the next academic year ready for Banner.

•The spring Mellon Grant applications are due to the Chair by Friday, March 6.

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iPod Touch - The LLC has recently added 21 iPod Touches to the list of faculty resources available for check out. Currently, the iPod touches are divided into two sets of 10 and 11. One set may be checked out by itself, or both together. If you are unfamiliar with the device, it is a wifi-enabled multimedia powerhouse with a great potential to facilitate language learning when coupled with creative, pedagogically-oriented activities. Audio, video, and special applications (such as phrasebooks) can be preloaded in advance of your class. To help demonstrate the potential for language learning, the Director will be working with interested faculty to maintain a living document within Google Apps that outlines potential in-class activities. If you'd like a quick introduction to the device, please feel free to stop by the LLC and speak with Mr. Dan Nickolai.

Kudos

•Congratulations to our former colleague, Dr. Anthony Houston, who has been tenured at Bryant University (thouston@bryant.edu).

•Congratulations to Dr. Gregory Knott, an Adjunct Instructor of German and law student at SLU, who has been named the Managing Editor for the *Saint Louis University Law Journal* for the coming year. He will be responsible for the concept and editing work for the teaching issue, which will likely treat theory and practice of teaching international law.

•In connection with the *Festival Internacional de Poesia* in Nicaragua, Ms. Yaoska Tijerino wrote a response to the question, "¿Por qué escriben los poetas?", for *la brújula* of Feb. 19. It appeared under the title "escribir es como una herencia" and can be read along with one of her poems at http://www.labrujula.com.ni/noticia/148.

•On Feb. 12, Dr. Reinhard Andress gave a presentation on his and Egon Schwarz' translation project, *Ich war Europäer*, at the Austrian General Consulate in New York. It was followed by a professional reading from the novel and was a "repeat performance" of the event in the *Literaturhaus* in Vienna in December.

From the Chair

•Let me thank Dr. Evelyn Meyer for her excellent service on the Mellon Grant Committee. Her term ends at the end of the academic year, and I've appointed Dr. Claudia Karagoz to represent MCL on that committee for the next two years. This particular appointment has the advantage of not being subject to a college-wide election and thus the name recognition it entails to some extent in order to get elected. It is the opportunity to give a new tenure-track member of MCL some outside exposure and a start on developing a service record beyond the Department. I'm sure Dr. Karagoz will represent our interests well as we apply for Mellon Grants as one funding possibility for our scholarly endeavours.