**General News and Announcements**

The new CAS Curricular/Policy Update monthly “newsletter” can be found here: [https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/curriculum-policy-updates2015](https://sites.google.com/a/slu.edu/curriculum-policy-updates2015)

**Deadlines:**

All applications for sabbaticals and other leaves are due in the Chair’s office on September 25.

**Meetings**

Department meetings this semester will take place 3:30-5:00 p.m., in Morrissey 3400, on the following dates.

- Thursday, September 24
- Thursday, October 29
- Thursday, December 3

**LRC**

**New LRC Software:** iSprak is a web application that streamlines pronunciation activities, and was designed by Dr. Dan Nickolai with our Department in mind. You can start creating activities in Google Chrome by visiting: [http://ispraak.com/index.html](http://ispraak.com/index.html)

**French and Spanish Tutors Available:** The LRC’s tutors are now taking appointments. Your students can sign up online here: [http://www.slu.edu/department-of-languages-literatures-and-cultures/language-resource-center/language-tutoring](http://www.slu.edu/department-of-languages-literatures-and-cultures/language-resource-center/language-tutoring)

**Kudos**

Dr. Elizabeth Blake, who was appointed as a Core Faculty member to SLU’s Center for Intercultural Studies in May, gave two invited lectures over the summer: “Falling in and out of Love with Anna Karenina” at the University City Public Library in June ([https://www.facebook.com/102596837716/photos/a.10152077035042717.1073741867.102596837716/10152965401082717/?type=1&theater](https://www.facebook.com/102596837716/photos/a.10152077035042717.1073741867.102596837716/10152965401082717/?type=1&theater)) and “The Grand Inquisitor and the Catholic Reformation” at a Washington University Brothers Karamazov reading group in July.
Xiaoying “Lucie” Wang, a student in our M.A. program in French, has received the GSA annual Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award. Lucie has also completed the Certificate of University Teaching Skills at the Reinert Center for Transformative Teaching and Learning.

Courses and Changes Approved by Faculty Council

- FREN 4180 *French and International Relations* has been approved to fulfill the Core Global Diversity Requirement.
- ITAL 3650 *All Things Trans* has been approved to fulfill the Core Literature Requirement.