

Minutes for CAEAS Meeting: Feb 19, 2020 at 3-4pm in Library Conference Room 213

Present: Andrei Jitianu, Andrea Boyar, Abigail Mellen, Sandra Campeanu

Guests: Merrill Parra, Vincent Prohaska, Marco Ramirez, Beatriz Lado, Jose Acevedo, Brian Murphy

NOTE: a quorum was NOT reached at this meeting

1. The meeting started with a brief presentation by Marco Ramirez and Beatriz Lado from the Languages and Literatures Department. They addressed concerns with the placement test that was part of a resolution passed by CAEAS on November 20, 2019. Jose Acevedo reminded everyone that the two concerns that were raised at the December senate meeting included: worries over students being misplaced into sections of Spanish based on stronger verbal skills and weaker reading/writing skills, or vice versa; and whether there were tests for other languages as well. Dr. Ramirez and Dr. Lado noted that students can interview to change their placements within the first two weeks of class, if they believe they have been placed into the wrong section. Either the student or the professor can request that a student be re-assessed, if they believe a mistake in placement has occurred. This is done on a case-by-case basis. In addition, Dr. Lado noted that the department is working on a verbal test as well. Dr. Ramirez and Dr. Lado also noted that placement tests exist for French and Italian, or other languages, but that these are done individually; they are less common for our students than Spanish Heritage situations. CAEAS was happy with the clarifications and re-submits the original proposal, already approved by CAEAS, for Senate approval.

2. Brian Murphy presented the case for a posthumous degree to be awarded. This request was supported by the CAEAS members present.

3. Merrill Parra presented the case for a language waiver. This request was supported by the CAEAS members present but will have to be voted upon when we have a quorum.

4. Vincent Prohaska presented two policy change proposals, one for epermit and one for transfer credits. These proposals make our policies consistent with CUNY policies and were supported by the CAEAS members present.

Submitted by Dr. Sandra Campeanu, Chair