

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: March 25, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Members: Jack Humburg, Aaron Orange, Dawnmarie Caggiano, Judge Boyer, Mary Ann Ziegler, Rosa Rodriguez

SPC: Beth Carlson, Frona Elkes, Sammie Elser, Mike Henry, Marika Robinson, Matt Bowen, Cynthia Bedient, Crystal Blackburn, Joan Smith

Graduate/Student Representatives: Rebecca Hill, Whitney Johnson, Bridget Albright, Sabrina Sintes

Absent: Charon Aurand, John Blaylock, Noel Cherasaro, Linda Roberts, Judy Jaeger, Kathryn Jackson, Jodi Pesick

Topic	Discussion/Recommendations	Action
Jack Humburg, Chair Welcome/Introductions Approval of minutes	Introductions were made. Minutes of October 13, 2009 meeting were approved.	
Viability Report	Matt reviewed the content of the Viability Report com, which was completed in October, 2009.	After each session, data for this report will be published and reviewed.
Student Testimonials	AS-INTRP students Sabrina Sintes and Bridget Albright spoke highly of the SLIP program. They thanked Matt and INT faculty for offering additional INT courses to handle the demand, allowing all students to stay on track for graduation.	
New Faculty	There are three faculty teaching spring session who weren't teaching last fall: Charon Aurand (ASLI at SPG), Rose Rowe (Fingerspelling at CL), and Sally Shortz (Fingerspelling at SPG).	
New Course Offering	Marika proposed that ASL IV be taught at SPC in Fall. She explained course objectives, and that USF and HCC offer this course, but only in Spring only.	SLIP faculty will be working together to present proposal to add ASL IV at next C&I meeting.
VRS content in INT courses	Aaron asked if anything had been done to incorporate VRS information into INT courses. This background would be very beneficial to students. There are 5 local companies in this industry who are potential employers for graduates.	SLIP faculty will discuss whether to add content to Specialized Topics, Interactive Interpreting courses, and/or create a new 1 ECH course. They intend to present proposal at next C&I meeting, to include material in Fall session.

Classroom & other upgrades	Recent upgrades include new tables & webcams at TS; two new flat screen TVs in studios at CL; ten new webcams at SPG campus.	
Helen & Mildred Goldman Sign Language Interpreter Scholarship	Rosa provided background on scholarship. Committee was formed to document how recipient will be determined. Suggestion was made to have this need-based, as financial aid is not able to be applied to summer session. There is \$9,000 in the fund at this time.	Rosa, Frona, Beth, and Matt will draft a proposal as to what criteria will be used to determine who receives this scholarship. This will be sent to Judge Boyer for his input/approval. Matt will contact SPC Foundation for the amount to be awarded for this year.
American Sign Language Honor Society	SPC has recently become a member. Beth gave details on how this benefits students and our program.	Faculty will determine who is eligible for membership. Status will be given at Fall meeting.
Sammie Elser Interpreting Scholarships	Sammie explained history of these scholarships. Faculty Collaborates on recipients.	Awards will be presented during ceremony in April.
End of Year Mentor Appreciation Celebration	Sammie proposed hosting an event in the Fall to thank all the mentors. Mentors, faculty, students, advisory committee & administration will be invited. Jack, Aaron, Matt and Beth volunteered to work with Sammie on this.	Committee will work to determine where to hold event, how to pay for this, etc.
Graduating Students QA Results & Testimonials	Accolades were given to Whitney Johnson, who received a 3 on her state QA exam. Whitney will be attending Flagler in Fall. Rebecca Hill has yet to receive her results. Rebecca will enroll in UNF this fall. Both spoke about how the program has well-prepared them for their future.	
Next Meeting Date	Thursday, September 16, 4:15-5:30 p.m.	Email reminder will be sent.