

Slavic Languages & Literature Faculty Meeting minutes (by Prof. Henry)

10 April 2026

Attending: Agnieszka Jeżyk, Bojan Belić, Zoya Polack, Gordana Crnković, Valentina Zaitseva, Piotr Florczyk, José Alaniz, Barbara Henry, Michael Biggins

Update from chairs' meeting

Reminder about “college mentoring” program, for faculty mentoring other faculty

Reminder of Work-Life confidential consultation available

Digital accessibility reminder

TA situation going forward will be stressful on departments. This is because of a likelihood of another salary increase for TA-s after the current contract runs out, without commensurate increase in funding.

Enrollment minimums are being discussed

College has successfully cut required 14 million dollars from budget

PAMLA conference in Seattle in November, at the same time as ASEEEES. Good opportunity for grad students not going to ASEEEES and especially for UG students

Departmental Updates

Spring 2026 enrollments were presented and discussed in detail.

No 4th year Russian next year.

May have to think about changing frequency with which we offer Slavic languages sequences, maybe put 3-class sequence into 2 accelerated classes, with faculty substituting the 3rd small language class with one in literature/culture/linguistics.

Grad program: our Top Scholar choice is coming in fall 26.

Questions about conference funding for graduate students. Enquiries should go to Gordana for the remainder of this year. A new GPC (Graduate Program Coordinator) will need to be appointed for 26-27, as José will be on sabbatical. To fund conferences not in fall quarter, suggested that we have two deadlines to accommodate these schedules.

Summer quarter: Minimum enrollment for a TA for intensive Russian 1st year will likely be around 15 students. May be able to underwrite cost of Russian with money from GLITS teaching in summer.

Student awards

We don't know all of the GLITS students who could potentially get CAS awards, so we can't write recommendations for them. How to solve? Ask students who could write them recommendations, if they're not known to Slavic profs. General discussion of how to award excellence prizes for something other than written work, which many instructors no longer assign due to AI cheating. No decisions are made so no Prize will be awarded this year. Discussion to be continued

Convocation

Agreed to hold a single convocation for Slavic and GLITS graduates. Gordana nominates Piotr as convocation speaker, as he is our one specifically Slavic *and* GLITS hire. He agrees.

Executive item

Discussion of Agnieszka Jezyk's file. Unanimous approval for reappointment.