

MULTICULTURAL/INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE
California State University, Fresno

Fri., December 18, 2020 @ 10:00 am

MINUTES

Present: Nagy Bengiamin (Lyles College of Engineering), Katherine Fobear (College of Social Sciences—ex-officio member), Teresa Huerta (Kremen School of Education & Human Development), Nataliia Kasianenko (College of Social Sciences), Hiromi Kubo (Library), Jin Park (College of Science & Math), Bernadette Muscat (Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Studies—non-voting ex-officio) & Randy Nedegaard (College of Health & Human Services, Chair)

Regrets: Stephen Choi (Craig School of Business)

Guest: Andrea Polegato (ITAL 100 Instructor)

1. **Approval of agenda:** 10:00 am
2. **Communications and announcements**
 - a. ASI student appointment – No further information has become available from ASI regarding a student representative. If anyone has a student they feel would like to be the M/I student representative, please forward Randy that information
3. **Old Business**
 - a. Review ITAL 100 – Italian Literature and Cinema in Translation Syllabus
 - i. Dr. Polegato attended the meeting to answer questions of the committee
 1. Discussed the percentage of the class that was multicultural – Dr. Polegato believes that 100% of the course is.
 2. Discussed the readings – the class uses simplified Italian for some select purposes, but fluency is not required.
 3. Prerequisite – the syllabus lists a recommended course under the prerequisites. The voluntary nature of this recommended course needs to be clear.
 4. Discussed the issue of multicultural/international content. How Italian is not a monolithic culture and how this complexity needs to be displayed in the syllabus.
 - ii. Committee agreed to review the syllabus via a google doc. Once people have had a chance to suggest M/I-based improvements, the chair will take those comments and work with Dr. Polegato to get the syllabus up to standard. The committee approves the syllabus for M/I pending these recommended changes per chair’s discretion. This syllabus does not have to come back to the full committee for further review.
4. **New business**
 - a. The committee decided on the third Friday of each month at 9:00 am will continue to work for the Spring 2021 semester
5. **Meeting adjourned:** 9:30am