Meeting of the Commission Mixte (CM) of the English Department – Wednesday, April 22, 2020

All members present: Genoveva Puskas (GP), Erzsi Kukorelly (EK), Oran McKenzie (OM), Blerina Bajrami (BB), Tristan Clément (TC), Lorraine Devillard (LD), Megan Zeitz (MZ).

The president opens the meeting at 16:10

The meeting takes place to solve the issue of circulating material discussed during the CM meetings, such as the contents of surveys and specific comments.

It is recognized that the AELLA members' role is to bring information up to discussion and within the CM. However, the circulation of the material collected through surveys and other means is delicate. The CM agrees that when raw data is received,

- It must be anonymized when the information is to be circulated to wider circles.
- Decisions on how and to whom the information is to be circulated is made on a case by case basis by the members of the CM.

The members also underline that

- It is important for the CM that information coming from students about teaching and classes come to its members, so that the CM can ensure to act upon this information.
- The CM is the very place where teaching decisions can and should be discussed. It is the body that can enable issues of power imbalance to be brought up to the surface and acted upon. Its role is important and it should keep performing it.
- The surveys conducted by the AELLA this year are very useful as they allow a greater transparency and accountability between all members of the department (on all levels of the hierarchy).
- The CER-meetings and the AELLA are new places and they should be protected, as they allow a greater transparency within the departmental politics and contribute to counter-balance issues of power relations.

The president closes the meeting at 16:50.

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