

Commission Mixte (CM) du Département d'Anglais - Monday, 3 December 2018

Members in alphabetical order:

Donatella Avoni: DA
Guillemette Bolens: GB
Gioia Cacchioli: GC
Lorraine Devillard: LD
Valerie Fehlbaum: VF
Benjamin Loubet: BL (excused)
Oran McKenzie: OM

The meeting begins at 4pm

The document *Statuts pour la commission mixte 1994* is distributed and read together. Lorraine is unanimously elected president of the CM. Oran is unanimously elected vice-president of the CM.

Staff news:

Genoveva Puskas will be on sabbatical in the spring semester, and Lukas Erne will return from his sabbatical.

Patrick Jones will be on leave with an FNS grant in the spring and autumn semester (therefore his spring seminar will not be offered). Lily Dessau will be on research leave in the spring semester.

Ruth Mullett's mandate ends in January 2019, and Sarah Brazil will return from the University of Edinburgh in February. Liz Skuthorpe is our new assistant in medieval literature.

The Bureau Qualité is in the process of helping us evaluate the department. This is a normal procedure that takes place regularly in all faculties. Students, CER, PAT, and professors/MER are represented in the commission.

Gioia suggests that students in the CM should organize a meeting at the beginning of the spring semester to strengthen the connection between students and the CM. Such meetings might encourage students to attend the General Assembly.

Donatella confirms that BA students are not fully aware of the existence of the CM.

Guillemette says that the CM students should feel free to use the BA and MA mailing lists to announce a CM meeting. In that way, students may contact the CM students to communicate any issues they might want to be discussed.

Oran mentions reviving a students association. There is potential financing linked to it.

Lorraine says that *Noted* should not die. Oran explains that assistants wish to rethink the format of *Noted*. Donatella and Lorraine suggest bringing this up at the students meeting. Online publication might be a possibility among others. Donatella refers to the writing team of the Faculty of Humanities, *R.E.E.L : revue écrite par les étudiant-e-s en Lettres*.

Donatella reports that some students would like to know why lectures are not recorded. A long discussion ensues, which will be reported in the students meeting.

Various methods and teaching rationales need to be explained explicitly at the beginning of term. Guillemette informs the CM students that a meeting will take place in the spring semester, during which all teachers of the department will debate about various teaching methods.

Donatella refers to Benjamin Loubet reporting that some students were hoping to do their BA7 module as a *module à option hors discipline*. Guillemette explains that all students who asked to remain under the old *plan d'études*, provided they had begun their studies under it, have been allowed to do so.

The president closes the meeting at 5.36pm

Minutes authored by DA/GB/GC/LD/VF/OM