

MEISP

Affiliated Faculty Meeting

3/25/08

## **1. Introductions**

- Dr. Salman al-Ani
  - NELC Department
  - Graduated from IU and has been here since 1969
  - Specializes in Arabic linguistics
  
- Dr. Paul Losensky
  - CEUS Department
  - Specializes in translation and pedagogical training
  
- Dr. Cigdem Balim
  
- Dr. Edward Lazzerini
  - CEUS Visiting Professor
  - History Department Adjunct
  - Director of Denis Sinor Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies
  - Assoc. Director of Inner Asian/Uralic National Resource Center
  
- Dr. Daniel Knudsen
  - Geography Department
  - Landscape and Tourism Geography, Cultural
  - Director of International Studies
  
- Dr. Ron Sela
  - CEUS Department
  - Specializes in Historiography of Islamic Central Asia
  
- Membership of MEISP defined- widened to involve as many faculties as possible within the university

- There are currently 280 classes with Islam in the title
- There must be some way to communicate interdepartmentally within this field.

## **2. Program Structure**

Outreach- Liese Hilgeman

COAS gave 5 positions for graduate students

Elijah Reynolds- ALLTA

Walter Lorenz - MEISP

Jae Chung - MEISP

Muhammad Abdul-Magid

Some affiliated faculty mentioned:

John Hanson

Shaul Magid

Paul Lozensky

Salman al-Ani

Dan Lazzerini

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## **3. Website**

- Emails are regularly sent out announcing events
- Events Page described
  - Affiliated faculty are encouraged to upload info and blurbs of published books
  - Committee for the study of Islam CSI - 38 faculty mention centrality of islam to their work, research, etc...
  - for grad students - job postings, symposia, etc..
- site listed on American Academy of Religion

## **4. Research, Teaching, and Outreach**

Business and Professional Schools=

- Developing some certification programs for working in the region
- MA degree for law students working in region
- Most of the funding reserved for ALLTA
  - Script Tutorial
  - Grammar Tutorial
  - Pedagogy Research Center

## **5. Curricular Development**

al-Ani speaks on program:

- NELC/MEISP cooperation-Danner and Juwayda founded department
  - spirit of cooperation historically
  - mutual benefit
- Muhammad Abdul-Magid
  - working on script
  - difficulty of script explained
  - modeled on celcar program

Intro to Arabic Alphabet

- letters in various positions demonstrated on site
- 2 programs for teaching alphabet and script
- implementation
- haya naktub...

demo-

- letter written with stylus in multiple position on graph paper accompanied by audio
- print out of practice sheet
- password protected

Arabic grammar in the planning

basic grammar and morphology

syntax

Brigham Young

- Arabic Without Walls
- Kirsten Brustad works on the periphery
- She was very much impressed and shocked at our development

Pedagogy Resources

- Online language resources of Middle Eastern and Islamic languages
- Encourage faculty members to give feedback regarding these sites.
- Alphabet program adaptable for other languages
- Celcar based templates are used for this and they are currently adapting it to other languages

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**Q&A:**

workshops of 5 departments

2nd language studies

9 language groups-Kazakh Persian Turkish Hebrew Hindi Arabic

Fulbright turned down on Persian and Indonesian. Still waiting to hear on Arabic

Main Purpose of meeting : Title VI funding

MEISP aspires to develop into a center

Generally faculty respond to the pursuit of Title VI negatively and/or indifferent.

lots of work that doesn't benefit faculty...just prestige

not the only thing in our sights

teaching, grad study...this requires title 6 application

MEIS is seeking input on submission of Title VI application

Denise Gardner says we hire people out of Title VI funding, however this is contested by faculty in meeting. Ask her exactly who was hired.

VI Jaques will be in DC in April for a meeting with Area Coordinator for Title VI

Title of program creates problems, e.g. Islam and Middle East

Only 1 program with dual nature.

1 or other, not both

Overlap of "Islam" into other area studies

Lozensky offers:

Track record of Title VI rejection reflects poorly in future applications-

Filing every 3 years for 4 periods has had no success

Argument for shaking things up, e.g., a joint application w/Illinois

Find out what are IU's deficiencies, e.g. 5 faculty hires not filled

Sela offers:

What are allocations of responsibilities, funding, etc... from Title VI

Institution (IU) as financial investigator

MEIS as secondary investigator

50/50 funding, but distribution would be later

Sela says there is no chance in Title VI

Knudsen offers:

Demonstration of expertise should be readily available and reviewable.

Everything should be accessible on web

Some outreach, funding for grads...but they must have some interesting projects

4 per year for 4 year funding

Computer projects

Ask self and affiliated faculty, what are those projects

Base decision on coincidence of projects

He has written grants for title 6

Jaques responds:

Pedagogy workshop, school of ed director training program

Large muslim pop in workforce

Diversity roundtable, hrsc development in indy

Upcoming workshops

Send out query. "if you had 10 grand, what would you do?"

Response to Jaques:

Partner up with other university,. u need strong end. u need 50%. nothing less.

SSRC study at different

Nick G. points out rising cost. Thus, programs must diversify funding pool.

Funding ideas generated:

newsletter to donors to supplement

working with king faisal foundation

bring turki bin faisal to speak

alani received award from it

at oxford jaques worked with turki bin faisal

host a delegation from iu to saudi

univ arkansas...dependent upon

develop contracts

money goes to iu not department! but trickle down mysteriously

purdue has massive amount for contract

iu less than 10 million

provos office

alani

visit to other states around saudi

call for funding

iu webmail address to broadcast possible funding

Knudsen asks:

Do we have external counsel for successful fundraising?

Create a forum formally to meet with students for donors.

Largest donors might be here in usa

From his own experience and programs, once a year financiers come to IU

For example :

They arrive Thurs, meet Fri, meet with students, admin,etc...

They are involved, invited to banquets, conference, etc...need not be alumni