



SWALLT

SouthWest Association for Language Learning and Technology

SWALLT Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020; 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Location: UC Santa Barbara Zoom

Members Present: Kelsey White (President), Thomas Garbelotti (President-Elect), Adan Gallardo (Past-President), Trevor Shanklin (Secretary), Margherita Berti (Web Editor); Shahnaz Ahmadeian (Treasurer) excused herself but expressed her keen interest in encouraging the conference.

Agenda

1. Approve minutes from September
2. Planning the conference at UCLA

Item 1: Approval of September Minutes:

Motion made, seconded, unanimously approved

Item 2: Swallt Conference at UCLA

- There is a problem with the Listserv not sending out emails. {It turns out that the problem is due to the need to adjust the dns settings after hosting our SWALLT site on Dreamhost. Adan and Maggie are working on this!}
- Theme of the Conference: Connecting Theory and Practice in Call: Track 1-- Developing Tech Driven Language Teaching and Assessment; Track 2 -- Technology for Intercultural Understanding and Competence.
- Conference fee = \$30 for SWALLT membership
- Tom has a commitment to provide a refreshment break from Mellon – and he will approach Cengage.
- Kelsey volunteered to draw up a call for papers – however, Maggie agreed to use a logo she had from a previous conference.
- I believe that Kelsey was going to create a folder on Google Docs so that we could all keep abreast of developments – this conference requires a very quick turn around!
- It was pointed out the need to redirect larc.sdsu.edu/swallt to swallt.org {this was done through cooperation between Marcia, Maggie and Adan!}
- Tom will send Maggie images of UCLA for the Call for Papers or for a flyer. {Perhaps these could be put in the folder on Google Docs.}

Dates for Conference set for April 17 and 18. The sessions and general information are described on the documents Tom posted to GoogleDocs:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hf2pWeQoeiepgQteNv4M08DFxvYyFxFxZ5E82X7ojwL8E/edit?usp=sharing>

- Maggie will update the SWALLT website with locations, dates and times
- Tom will try to motivate the Dean to give an introductory talk or even a keynote: Trevor pointed out that there is enough money in the SWALLT budget to invite a keynote speaker from outside. Trevor had thought of Stefan Gries, a linguist at UCSB, but his work is too theoretical for a SWALLT conference. In a follow up email, Kelsey recommended Robert Godwin-Jones (Virginia Commonwealth U).
- We will update the Google Docs with a to do list.
- Tom is going to work on the UCLA conference page.
- Meeting adjourned promptly at 3 pm!

Prepared by Trevor Shanklin: Feb. 10, 2020