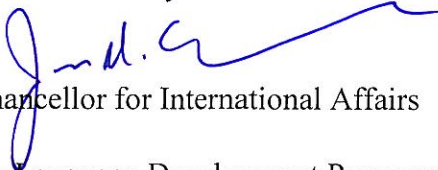


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**MEMORANDUM**

to: Full-Time Regular ECU Faculty

from: James N. Gehlhar   
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subject: 2011-2013 Faculty Language Development Program

date: 11 March 2011

The Division of Academic Affairs, the Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures and the Office of International Affairs invite expressions of interest in ECU's new two-year Faculty Language Development Program that will be offered in Fall 2011 for full-time regular faculty. The language selected for this fall's faculty-only, non-credit section is elementary Spanish.

Here are details of the Faculty Language Development Program ("FLDP").

**Purpose and Plan:** The first of five points in ECU's Mission Statement is "[p]reparing our students to compete and succeed in the global economy and multicultural society." Reflections of this theme of preparation for a globally-competitive world are similarly found in the mission and vision statements of virtually every ECU unit. The FLDP is designed to be a catalyst for internationalizing our faculty, revitalizing their research interests and further enabling them to prepare our students for lives and professions in this globalized world. If this elementary Spanish program proves successful, it is hoped that the FLDP can in the future be extended to other languages and language levels.

**Duration:** The elementary Spanish FLDP will encompass two academic years (four semesters) of classroom study on the ECU campus plus an additional period of instruction at an ECU partner institution in a Spanish-speaking country during the intervening summer.

**The 2011-12 and 2012-13 Classes:** Participants will be enrolled in a special non-credit FLDP section that will meet on campus during the late afternoon for three hours weekly and be taught by Department of Foreign

Languages & Literatures faculty. Homework will be assigned and its completion expected.

The Summer Program: Instruction will be arranged at an ECU partner institution, probably in Latin America, over several weeks during the summer of 2012. It is intended that ECU faculty participants will, to the extent possible, be paired with host institution faculty members of the same disciplines. Participation in the summer program abroad will be limited to those faculty who had been diligent in their FLDP attendance and coursework over the 2011-2012 academic year. (Because of likely interference with language acquisition, accompanying family or significant others would not be welcome during the actual program weeks abroad.)

Costs: ECU will cover instructional costs for the three-hour course. Participants will be responsible for the purchase of textbooks and other materials. ECU will endeavor — but cannot promise — somehow to supplement summer 2012 travel to, and maintenance costs at, a partner institution abroad.

The Textbook: *Protagonistas: A Communicative Approach*, published by Vista Higher Learning, has been selected by Department of Foreign Languages & Literatures faculty for the 2011-12 FLDP course. The purchase of this text and other materials will be the responsibility of course participants.

Eligibility: All full-time regular faculty in any ECU unit are welcome to apply. Should space allow, full-time regular ECU staff may be considered. All applicants must be willing to make a two-year commitment to full participation in the FLDP.

Preliminary Responses: Those faculty interested in applying to FLDP later this spring are invited to express their interest by e-mail to [internationalaffairs@ecu.edu](mailto:internationalaffairs@ecu.edu) by Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. (The intention of this preliminary step is merely to gauge potential interest.)

The Application: Application instructions will be announced more widely in April and e-mailed to those who made preliminary responses as above. Acceptance will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

Fine Print: There will be only one section of the FLDP so capacity will be limited. If enrollments are insufficient in any semester, the course may not make. As always in tight budgetary times, both the establishment and the semester-to-semester continuation of the FLDP will be contingent upon funding being available.

Questions: Those with FLDP questions should e-mail Jim Gehlhar at [gehlharj@ecu.edu](mailto:gehlharj@ecu.edu).