

**Summary Minutes of the Second Language Acquisition Institute
Executive Board meeting
Friday, January 25, 2008, 2:00-3:00pm**

- All 10 members and Karen Callahan (SLAI Office Manager), were present:
Travis Bradley (Director)
Moradewun Adejunmobi (African-American & African Studies)
Bruce Anderson (French)
Carlee Arnett (German)
Antonella Bassi (Italian)
Robert Blake (Spanish, UC Consortium for Language Learning and Teaching)
Chengzhi Chu (Chinese)
Noriko Iwasaki (Japanese)
Suad Joseph (Anthropology, Middle East/South Asia Studies)
Martha Macri (Native-American Studies)
- Travis Bradley thanked the Executive Board members for their contributions in the fall quarter to the SLAI newsletter and reported that it should be published by the end of January or early/mid-February. Executive Board welcomed new members Martha Macri and Suad Joseph.

1. Punjabi Instruction at UC Davis

- Robert Blake discussed the possibility of a donor who might support language instruction in Punjabi at UC Davis in the form of an endowed lectureship. Dean Owens suggested Robert Blake bring the proposal before the Executive Board for discussion.
- The Executive Board discussed various issues relating to (1) where Punjabi should be housed on campus, and (2) how to pursue external funding for an endowed lectureship.
- The Executive Board decided that going forward with the Punjabi proposal is in compliance with the Language Task Force Report and voted unanimously (10 in favor, 0 against) to declare its support for the initiative to pursue Punjabi instruction to the UC Davis campus. This can provide a model for funding the instruction of additional foreign languages on the Davis campus.

2. Quechua Proposal

- Martha Macri gave an update on Zoila Mendoza's recent proposal to begin a Quechua program at UC Davis and to make our campus a center for online Quechua instruction. Mendoza has been collaborating with the renowned applied linguist Roger Andersen (UCLA) in the development of Digital Resources for the Study of Quechua [available at: <http://quechua.ucla.edu/>]. Given the recent and unfortunate passing of Prof. Andersen, the proposal currently is in a state of flux.
- It makes good sense to begin a Quechua program at UC Davis, especially given the changing situation of Quechua at UCLA. It was pointed out that UC Davis has the most Andeanists in the North American university system. Native American Studies can make Prof. Andersen's digital resources available online by housing them on its departmental server.
- There is great interest on campus for Quechua instruction, both on the part of graduate students and faculty whose research touches upon the language and/or the Andean region. Study abroad programs already exist for Quechua.
- The Executive Board voted unanimously (10 in favor, 0 against) to declare its moral support for her to continue to investigate avenues to vitalize Quechua instruction.