

Proposal for the Nomination of Potential linguistics Colloquia Speakers

Background:

The following is based on feedback from some graduate students who expressed interest in increased or general representation for their area of study in the selection of colloquia speakers. In addition, this aims to take some of the burden of speaker selection off of the VP and Faculty Coordinator.

Proposal:

The following proposal is intended to correspond to each of these subfields (groups):

- ASL
 - Computational Linguistics
 - Language Acquisition
 - Phonology / Phonetics
 - Semantics
 - Sociolinguistics
 - Syntax
- 1) Additional subfields may be added by faculty mandate.
 - 2) Or, by a 2/3rds LSUW vote,
 - 3) Or, by the creation of a roundtable which has existed for more than one year and more than 3 students are in attendance on average.

Process:

Nomination takes place:

- 1) Spring Quarter: Before the last meeting of each roundtable for the academic year,
 - 2) Or, the selection discretion will be given over to the LSUW vice president(s) and faculty coordinator.
- Each group (subfield) may submit up to (3) names of speakers intended to represent their respective subareas.
 - Each group may decide on the method of selecting the nominees, but student input should be encouraged.

After all groups have submitted their entries (or the final roundtable meeting of the academic year has occurred):

All entries will be listed on an online poll under a heading for each respective subfield. All members of the department may vote for their desired candidate for each category. (**Example:** The Syntax Roundtable submits their 3 choices, but one of them may appeal more than the others to people outside of that subfield.)

Ranked voting:

The nominee for each group is the first to be contacted. Should the winning nominee be unavailable or not correspond to the nomination guidelines (below), the runner-ups will be contacted in an order respective to there ranking.

Nomination guidelines:

- Each nominated speaker should:
 - a. Reside close enough to require no additional travel funds.
 - b. Be willing to appear with only the standard honorarium.
 - c. (* If additional funds by the roundtable are raised, they may be used to bring their speaker here.)

- With each nominee, the respective group should provide the necessary contact information to the LSUW vice president(s) and faculty coordinator.

- If no nominees are submitted by the stipulated deadline, then the slot is forfeit and the speaker will be selected at the VP and faculty coordinators discretion. The slot is not required to conform to the sub-field which forfeited the nominees.

Additional:

Because of potential time/financial conflicts, there is no guarantee:

- a) That a nominated speaker will appear, but if they do:
- b) When a speaker will appear.

These factors are the responsibility of the LSUW VPs and the faculty coordinator. There is no guarantee that the nominated lists will take priority. If there are limited slots, limited time, or for any other legitimate reason, the VP(s) and faculty coordinator are free to do what they need to.