Turkish Studies  
Center for European Studies  
Search Committee Meeting Minutes  

November 9, 2007, 3324 TUR; 10:30:12:30

Attendance: Barbara Mennel (chair); Patricia Woods; Ewa Wampuszyc; Petia Kostadinova

- The committee met to conduct preliminary phone interviews with three of the four short-listed candidates. Member of the committee agreed to ask the same three questions to all candidates (with the understanding that minor follow up/clarifying questions might be necessary):
  - How would your research fit within European Studies more generally and more specifically, within an interdisciplinary center like the CES (posed by Kostadinova)
  - How would you approach teaching Turkish language? (posed by Wampuszyc and tailored based on the specific experience of the candidates)
  - What kind of outreach activities do you envision undertaking should you join the CES? (posed by Mennel).

- The committee members then decided that they would first introduce themselves to the candidates and then proceed with the questions. Phone interviews, each about 20 min long, were conducted with the candidates.

- Based on the candidate’s responses during the phone interviews, the committee decided to eliminate one of the candidates from consideration and to recommend inviting the two others for campus interviews. The committee recommended that the front-runner from the Spring 2007 search, remains in consideration for this position.

- As another complete application was received in the meantime, Mennel suggested that the committee conducts a phone interview with that candidate. The preliminary interview was scheduled for Nov 16.

- After Wampuszyc left the meeting, Mennel, Woods and Kostadinova discussed the feasibility of conducting the two campus visits before the end classes on Dec 4. The committee’s recommendations were transmitted to the CES Director who has hiring authority and will make the decision on how to proceed and when to conduct the campus interviews.