

*OFLA Annual Report*

*Teacher Education and Licensure Committee*

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The Teacher Education and Licensure Committee have been working diligently during the 2013-2013 year. It took on two main on-going projects, the first was to reach out to colleges and universities in order to recruit members and thus increase the representation of the university and college language instructors and professors at OFLA. The second project was to update the Ohio Teacher Education and College Directory that was last updated in November 2011. In addition, the committee kept watching the issue of outsourcing higher education, especially in the field of language teaching, to for-profit companies and organizations.

The committee was not able to assess the success of its efforts in reaching out to universities and colleges due to the lack of data from pre and post the committees efforts. However, the 2014 OFLA conference witnessed a very good number of proposal submissions from the targeted group of language educators and so was the number of reregistered people who plan to attend the 2014 OFLA conference. The TEaLC thinks an unknown percentage of such increase could be attributed to its continued effort in this regard and acknowledges that the increase is the result of the efforts of all the committees and board members to promote OFLA and increase its services to the FL education in Ohio and the nation.

Regarding the second project, updating the Ohio Teacher Education and College Directory, the committee was successful thus far in having a response rate of about 50% and thus will continue its efforts to have the directory 100% updated and accurate so it can serve as a quick guide to those who might be considering of becoming educators in Ohio.

Furthermore, the committee's chair conducted one workshop and presented two sessions at the 2014 CSCTFL in St. Louis and all the committee members will be presenting different sessions at OFLA's 2014 conference. In addition the chair wrote articles for the Cardinal regarding the above mentioned issues.

Overall, the 2013-2014 was a busy and productive year for the TEaLC and it was also an educational year as all the committee members were new to this service. The committee looks forward to continue its ongoing projects and serve OFLA and the profession by adopting new projects in the coming year if we have the honor to continue in this service position.

Respectfully,

Gaby Semaan

Chair, Teacher Education and Licensure