



JNCL-NCLIS Update

March 2016

Message from the Executive Director

Dear Colleagues,

Let me begin the March 2016 update by personally thanking all of our delegates who came to the Language Advocacy Days late last month. We had 94 attendees, who went to nearly 135 meetings on Capitol Hill, at the Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute for Education Sciences, and the National Federation of Independent Businesses. Even with our move of the event from Mother's Day weekend to late February, we had the largest turnout in JNCL-NCLIS history! Moreover, we know from our contacts on the Hill and in the Executive Branch that the passion you bring to this event, and the relationships that you have established and nurtured over the past four years, have borne fruit - from the establishment of the *Commission on Language Learning* of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, to the inclusion of funding for language research and education programs, to the actions taken in 2015 to rein in the audits of the language industry. Each meeting matters, and with your work and support we continue to expand our network of supporters in Washington. An in-depth report on the meeting can be found below.

In other JNCL-NCLIS news, we are working on the Global Skills survey funded by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperative. This survey of employers' demands for linguistic and cultural human capital across the Pacific Rim will launch later this month. In addition, JNCL-NCLIS' leadership on language policy has been recognized by our inclusion in a project with Oxford University, funded by the U.K. Arts and Humanities Research Council, to advance reforms of the language education system in the U.K.

Finally, the Seal of Biliteracy continues its march across the US, with the Florida legislature passing a bill to establish a seal, new seal efforts underway in Georgia, Ohio, and Rhode Island, and ongoing efforts in Maryland and Massachusetts. Maria Pulcini has [testified in the Maryland General Assembly](#), and we are always happy to [send](#)

[letters of support](#). Moreover, in Florida we had a double victory, as the bill to allow computer coding to substitute for high school world language credits [was defeated](#) in a team effort with the Florida Foreign Language Association, the [American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages](#), [JNCL-NCLIS](#), and educational and civil rights organizations in Florida.

As always, please let us know what's going on, and how we can help. What you do every day to advance language - through teaching, research, translation, interpreting, localization, and all of the diverse language work that we do - gives us the stories, data, and real-world impact to make the case for language here in D.C. and to the business and public spheres.

With Best Wishes,

Bill Rivers

Language Advocacy Day & Delegate Assembly 2016

On February 25 and 26, JNCL-NCLIS member delegates and language advocates from around the country met in Washington, D.C. to make the case for language to the federal government. In more than 135 meetings, 94 attendees from 30 states and the District of Columbia met with their Members of Congress and officials in the Executive Branch to discuss legislative priorities for the language field and the importance of languages to the nation's well-being.

You can view the [full conference report](#) for a play-by-play of the event, the Executive Director's Report, advocacy materials, and photos.

FY17 Appropriations Priorities

The President's budget request was released on February 9, 2016, detailing the Administration's funding priorities for fiscal year 2017. While the budget proposes laudable increases for a number of the programs we track, including exchange programs in the Department of State, Title III in the Department of Education for English Language Learners, and research and development programs in the Department of Defense, it also proposes worrying cuts and inadequate funding for other important programs:

- **A \$5 million cut to Title VI/Fulbright-Hays.** The President's budget proposes a \$5 million cut to Title VI/Fulbright Hays of the Higher Education Act. The Title VI/Fulbright-Hays programs are a cornerstone of our nation's language and area studies teaching capacity at the post-secondary level. The \$5 million cut comes after a total reduction in funding of 43% since 2011, and it risks to further erode the

program's infrastructure that has been built steadily since 1958.

- **Inadequate funding for Title IV of ESSA.** The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the new federal elementary and secondary education law which replaced No Child Left Behind, includes a population-formula block grant program in Title IV, Part A called the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant program. This new program, which would allocate funds to State Education Agencies for dispersal to Local Education Agencies, was authorized at \$1.65 billion in the new law. The President's budget requests only \$500 million, and there is real risk that this program will be underfunded in its inaugural year.
- **Zero funding for Title VIII and CBYX.** Title VIII, or the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union Act, which maintains U.S. expertise in Eastern Europe and Eurasia, and the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX), a scholarship program for American and German high school students jointly funded by the U.S. and Germany, were both eliminated in the President's budget.
- **A \$3 million cut to DLIFLC.** The President's budget proposes a cut of just over \$3 million to the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center, the world's largest language school which educates nearly 5,000 service members in 18 critical languages.

You can view the [JNCL-NCLIS Appropriations Priorities for FY17](#) for more information, and view the appropriations tracking chart below to see how funding levels from the last few years compare with the President's FY17 budget request.

FY17 President's Budget Request

(in thousands)	FY15 Omnibus	FY16 Omnibus	FY17 Request	Proposed Change FY16 to FY17
State Department, ECA	589,900	590,900	639,800	+48,900
<i>Academic Programs</i>	331,636	309,451	326,256	+16,805
Fulbright Program	236,485	236,000	236,000	No change
Global Academic Exchanges	58,351	58,651	63,006	+4,355
Special Academic Exchanges	36,800	14,800	27,250	+12,450
Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX)		4,000	0	-4,000
<i>Professional/Cultural Exchanges</i>	195,240	197,240	208,513	+11,273
International Visitor Leadership Program	89,665	89,665	97,765	+8,100
Citizen Exchange Programs	100,000	102,000	105,190	+3,190
Special Professional/Cultural Exchanges	5,575	5,575	5,558	-17
<i>Bureau of Intelligence & Research</i>				
Office of Outreach				
Office of Analysis for Russia & Eurasia Title VIII	3,000	3,000	0	-3,000
(in thousands)	FY15 Omnibus	FY16 Omnibus	FY17 Request	Proposed Change FY16 to FY17
Dept. of Education				
<i>Elementary and Secondary Education</i>				
FLAP	0	0	0	No change
Title IV – Part A of ESSA, Student Support and Academic Enhancement Grants			500,000	N/A
<i>Higher Education</i>	1,924,839	1,982,185	2,200,000	+217,815
Title VI - IFLE	72,164	72,164	67,300	-4,861
Domestic Programs	65,103	65,103	65,103	No change
Overseas Programs	7,061	7,061	2,200	-4,861
Title III - OELA				
English Learner Education	737,400	737,400	800,400	+30,000
Indian Student Education	123,939	143,939	173,939	+30,000
(in thousands)	FY15 Omnibus	FY16 Omnibus	FY17 Request	Proposed Change FY16 to FY17
Defense Department				
<i>Defense Human Resources Activity (DHRA)</i>	673,655	678,470	683,620	+5,150
DLNSEO	48,485	49,309	53,535	+4,226
<i>Army</i>				
Operations & Maintenance, Army	31,961,920	32,399,440	33,809,040	+1,409,600
Specialized Skill Training	896,529	954,000	921,025	-32,975
DLIFLC	261,744	300,995	297,986	-3,009
<i>DARPA</i>	2,914,770	2,951,693	2,973,036	+21,343
Others				
National Science Foundation	7,344,205	7,463,485	7,964,000	+500,515
Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences	276,190	272,200	288,770	+16,570
National Endowment for the Humanities	146,021	147,900	149,848	+1,948
Institute of Education Sciences	573,935	818,015	693,818	-124,197

Save the Date: 2017 Language Advocacy Day & Delegate Assembly

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February 16-17, 2017

Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill

Registration will open in September.

Upcoming Member Events

NCOLCTL Annual Conference	April 21-24, 2016 Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Airport-North Atlanta, GA http://www.conference.ncolctl.org/
AATF Annual Conference	July 3-8, 2016 Austin, TX https://www.frenchteachers.org/convention/
AATSP Annual Conference	July 8-11, 2016 Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel Miami, Florida Registration is now open!
ACTFL Annual Convention & Expo	November 18-20, 2016 Boston Convention Center Boston, MA http://www.actfl.org/convention-expo

We are happy to share announcements of our members' upcoming events in our email campaigns and on our social media platforms. You can share these announcements with us by sending the relevant information to mpulcini@languagepolicy.org.

SCOLA Trial Membership for JNCL-NCLIS Affiliates!

JNCL-NCLIS is proud to announce that our member SCOLA (www.scola.org) is offering free access to SCOLA's wide range of services and materials for all JNCL-NCLIS member organizations for the first six months and at a reduced rate thereafter. SCOLA provides on-line and mobile device access to foreign language broadcasting from more than 150 countries in more than 175 languages as well as an array of unique educational resources based on this authentic foreign content.

These services include: Learning/Assessment Objects, specially produced programming, foreign text (periodicals, text books, etc.), hard to find radio programs, archived content and many more services designed for communicative language teaching and learning, specializing in the less commonly taught languages. SCOLA also secures broad-spectrum educational use permissions that allow SCOLA users to archive the content and to build their own learning tools with the content.

This introductory offer is open to any member or employee of a JNCL-NCLIS member organization. For individual access, contact Maria Pulcini (mpulcini@languagepolicy.org) for your access credentials. For organizational membership, contact Bill Rivers (wrivers@languagepolicy.org).

Social Media

We have *894 followers* on Twitter and are eager for more! Please follow us @JNCLInfo and like us on Facebook! We invite you to interact and share with JNCL-NCLIS and fellow members on all of our platforms:

- You can find us on Facebook at "[JNCL-NCLIS](#)." Please like our page on Facebook and leave a note on our Facebook wall!
- Follow us on Twitter with the handle "[@JNCLInfo](#)"
- Follow us on LinkedIn at "[Joint National Committee for Languages-National Council for Languages and International Studies](#)"

More importantly, if your association has news to share with your colleagues, please do let us know - we are always more than happy to share news (good and bad), job announcements, upcoming events, and advocacy requests from all of our members.

Managing Your Subscriptions

Thank you for your interests in language news and the activities of JNCL-NCLIS. We are happy to have you as part of our community. While we try to limit the number of our messages and send only the most important information to you, we realize that sometimes that still amounts to a lot of mail in your inbox.

If you ever feel as though you're getting too much mail from us, you can always find a link at the bottom of each message that allows you to "Update Profile/Email Address." Clicking this link will take you to a page where you can change to which mailing lists you are subscribed (see the explanation of the lists below). At the bottom of every email, there is also an "Unsubscribe" link. Clicking this will remove your email address from all of our lists and you will be unable to receive any mailings from us unless you resubscribe on our website.

- [JNCL-NCLIS Weekly Newsbrief](#) - Weekly roundup of language news, grant opportunities, and conference announcements sent on Thursday afternoons
- [JNCL-NCLIS Monthly Update](#) - Monthly newsletter detailing activities and news about JNCL-NCLIS, and occasional announcements and action alerts
- [Members of JNCL NCLIS Member Organizations](#) - Special announcements about JNCL-NCLIS activities relevant to members, action alerts, and information about the annual Language Advocacy Day.
- [Member Organization Delegates to JNCL-NCLIS](#) - Official JNCL-NCLIS business and information for member representatives in the Delegate Assembly

Website

We are here to serve you, our members, and we want our site to be an extension of that purpose. So if you have suggestions of how it could be improved, or if your organization has publications that would be useful to all our members and would corroborate our case for language, we invite you to share them with us. You can contact Maria Pulcini, mpulcini@languagepolicy.org

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