Minutes Core Working Group

Meeting Date and Time: 4/18/12 from 10:00am - 11:30am

Present:
Shannon Fowler, Chair
Azar Rejaie
Barry Sullender
Lee Usnick (Minutes author)

Absent (attending conference):
Anita Chadha
Peter Li

1. Note was made that several members of this working group attended the April 11th Webinar on the Core Course Curriculum.

2. A Letter of Intent was received from Criminal Justice and posted for review on Blackboard. Discussion of the letter was held. It was the consensus of the group that the Foundation Component Areas for this core area were not covered adequately, that the drafters should review the description of the content area from the UHD Core Curriculum Task Force in its email to Faculty dated March 7, 2012. Azar shared the Letter of Intent she submitted for an Art History class. The letter clearly addresses the component skills outcomes, and she agreed the letter could be provided as one model for intent letters.

3. Regarding the Core Groups faculty assembly on Friday, April 27, questions were posed regarding the expectations of group members. Shannon suggested the format may be that of break-out sessions, but will seek further details and inform the group as information becomes available.

4. Shannon distributed a handout Guides in Designing Learning Outcomes addressing Gov/PolSci Core Objectives. Examples compiled were from the AACU Rubrics and Amarillo College (a model provided in the Webinar last week). The group spent the remainder of the meeting discussing and revising the core objectives of Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility, and Personal Responsibility, drafting definitions and learning outcomes for each. The draft will be posted to BB site.