Minutes of the meeting of the University Core Development Committee, Monday, April 30, 2012.

The committee met at about 1:05 p.m. in Gasson 103.

Present were Nasser Behnegar, Patrick Byrne, Clare Dunsford, Judith Gordon, Arthur Madigan, Suzanne Matson, Patrick McQuillan, Marc Muskavitch, Catherine Read, and James Weiss.

The minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, April 10 were accepted with the correction of the meeting time from “p.m. to “a.m.”

Various amendments to the draft letter to the provost requesting additional membership and administrative support were suggested and agreed to.

A new (and as yet unnumbered) Sociology course An Introduction to Latin American Societies (Gustavo Morello) was approved for Social Science core credit.

At about 1:35 Vice Provost Donald Hafner joined the meeting. The purpose of his visit was to discuss the committee’s requests for an increase in membership and for administrative support. To these matters the committee now turned. Prof. Hafner expressed general sympathy with the idea of expanding the committee, but noted that there were practical questions about the expansion. A larger committee is not necessarily a more efficient committee. How does the committee propose to manage its work? He recalled that the 1991 Task Force Report had assigned nine mandates to the UCDC, but that some of these mandates had not been carried out for a long time. If more members are added to the committee, he asked, will more of these mandates be carried out? This led to a wide-ranging discussion of the committee’s recent history, of the pros and cons of dividing our work among subcommittees, of various ways in which members might be added to the committee, and of the kinds of administrative support that the committee needs. Donald Hafner advised the group to be as specific as possible about the kinds of support needed. He reminded the group of the mandates in the 1991 Report. At about 2:20 p.m. Donald Hafner left the meeting with our thanks.

In the remainder of the meeting Arthur Madigan sought and received the committee’s counsel with respect to two overseas courses that students had asked to have counted for Cultural Diversity core credit.

The committee adjourned for the year at about 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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