

University Core Development Committee  
Thursday, March 17, 2005  
Gasson 105, 9.00 a.m.

### Minutes

Present were: Chair, Richard Cobb-Stevens, Ourida Mostefai (Associate Dean, A&S), Patrick Byrne (Philosophy), Catherine Read (Nursing), Timothy Duket (A&S Honors Program), Clare O'Connor (Biology), Dennis Sardella (Chemistry), Alec Peck (Education), Catherine Schneider (Economics).

Donald Hafner (Political Science) gave a brief presentation summarizing his department's philosophy of the core, and commenting on several of its core courses. In addition to courses that fulfill the Social Science core requirements (e.g., Fundamental Concepts of Politics I, Fundamental Concepts of Politics, American National Government, Introduction to American Politics), the department offers the following remarkable array of courses that fulfill the requirements for cultural diversity credit.

Comparative Politics of the Middle East  
Politics of Modernization: Japan, Korea, and Taiwan  
Balkan Civilizations  
Politics and Society in Central Eurasia  
Introduction to Chinese Politics  
Introduction to Japanese Politics  
Protest Politics in Latin American  
Seminar: Modern Mexican Politics  
Introduction to International Studies  
Globalization  
East Asian Security  
The Rise and Fall of Islamic States  
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Various members of the committee commented on the high quality and rigorous standards of all these courses.