

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.