Attending: Ryan Duffy (student representative), Steven Bayne, John Miecznikowski (Chair), Ahmed Ebrahim, David McFadden, Terry-Ann Jones, Lynn Babington, Margaret McClure, Michael Pagano, Sally Gerard, Scott Hiller, Shah Etemad, Cheryl Tromley, Laura Nash, Don Gibson, Kathy Nantz, Bruce Bradford

Excused: Beth Boquet

1. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Dr. Miecznikowski (chair) reviewed the agenda. The 3/2 joint degree proposal from the SOE will be on next month’s meeting - materials will be forthcoming. New business- Dr. Pagano requested the committee consider two communication courses he is teaching in the Spring be counted as meeting Core social science requirements for non Communication majors. This was added to the agenda.

Dr. Brunn-Bevel and Dr. Striuli were elected as US Diversity and World Diversity subcommittee chairs.

Memo was sent from the UCC Chair to the Academic Council regarding student participation in study abroad being considered as meeting the World Diversity requirement. This memo was copied to Lynn Babington, SVPAA, and the Registrars office. The academic council needs to approve.

3. Minutes from September 8, 2014, were approved unanimously.

4. Discussion- Should the US Diversity and World Diversity course designations be assigned to a particular instructor or for the course itself? In some departments, individual courses are submitted by instructors and in other areas, it is the course itself that receives the designation. The designation is foundational to the school syllabus, regardless of the instructor teaching the course. Dr. McFadden commented that we may need time for a full review of all currently designated courses. SVPAA Babington commented that in the professional school’s –nursing, business and engineering, course syllabi are followed regardless of the instructor. Dean Gibson agreed - syllabus that was approved should be the one used for course (they guide adjunct teaching courses). Dr. McFadden noted that in some cases faculty do not follow the syllabus. The World Diversity and US Diversity subcommittees will review all currently approved courses and report back to UCC in February or March.

5. World Diversity subcommittee recommended the following courses be approved - all were approved unanimously.
   - Spanish 306
   - Politics 140
• Art History 330

6. US Diversity subcommittee recommended the following courses be approved.
Music 215 – unanimous approval
English 163 – 12 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained – passed

Dr. Nash inquired if the course syllabi had been changed to reflect recommendations from the Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee. Dr. McFadden did not think so, however Dr. Nash reviewed both documents and indicated that the recommended changes were made. Dr. Bradford did not think the course met the criteria established. There was a lengthy discussion on what constitutes US Diversity – should we include in addition to gender and race, other diversity areas such as sexual identity and disability. Dr. Ebrahim commented that the criteria outlined for US Diversity seems to be dated. Dr. McFadden recommended that this course be approved but that maybe the US Diversity subcommittee should reevaluate their criteria.

7. Revised language for Independent studies- Dr. Rakowitz sent a recommendation to change Handbook language related to Independent Studies include the following - change the wording from University College to Part Time Students- motion moved and approved unanimously.

8. Other businesses and announcements - Michael Pagano requests that two courses on Health Communication he is teaching in the Spring be approved to count as social science Core credit. Discussion continued how courses are approved to count for the Core. This varies across disciplines. Dr. McFadden stated that any course that is requesting to meet Core requirements must follow specific guidelines, but that the social sciences do not have any guidelines.

Dr. Tromley recommended that we approve these two courses as meeting the social science Core requirement for the Spring semester. Dr. Nash made the following motion “the UCC convene a subcommittee whose charge is to establish criteria for social science Core credit, following on the model provided by the Core Science Steering Committee with an interim report by February 2015. A further charge of the subcommittee is to reconsider the definition of the existing JOR subcommittee on social science Core and make recommendations”.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. McFadden recommended populating a subcommittee for to take up this task. Members will include Dr. Nantz, Dr. Jones, Dr. McClure, Dr. Miecznikowski (as UCC Chair) and Dr. Pagano. The UCC Chair will email Dr. Boryczka for a representative from her department.

9. Next meeting December 2, 2014, Library Conference Room – motion to adjourn - passed