Courses to be considered at the meeting of October 13, 2011

Course Proposals

1. Communication Arts 509: Digital Media and Political Communication  
   Type of proposal: New course

2. Geography/Environmental Studies 339: Environmental Conservation  
   Type of proposal: Change in credits and course description  
   Current: 3-4 credits. Ecological and cultural background of conservation, problems of resource and environmental quality management, and pressing issues of population, food, energy, and pollution.  
   Proposed: 4 credits. Examines major environmental conservation approaches in the U.S. and developing countries and how they are influenced by sociopolitical factors, cultural values and scientific understandings of nature. Historical and contemporary cases are explored with emphasis on biodiversity and climate change issues.

3. Life Sciences Communication 432: Social Media for the Life Sciences  
   Type of proposal: New course

4. Political Science 377: Nuclear Weapons and World Politics  
   Type of proposal: Change in description and prereqs  
   Current: Role of nuclear weapons in world politics during and after the cold war, with particular attention to the strategies of the nuclear states; the consequences of arms racing and nuclear proliferation; nuclear arms control and disarmament. Prereq> Jr st & Poli Sci 275 or 375  
   Proposed: Covers the origins of nuclear weapons, the reasons states seek them, the strategies developed for their use, the consequences of their development, and efforts to control and reverse their spread. Prereq> Jr st, Poli Sci 103 recommended.