Course proposal decisions from the meeting of October 13, 2011

Course Proposals

All courses were approved as presented.

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.