Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Regular LAS Steering Committee Meeting
April 17, 2012 – 12:30 p.m.

Attendees: Dr. Uriel Quesada, chairperson, Dr. Nathan Henne, Dr. Blanca Anderson, Dr. Hillary Eklund, Dr. Josefa Salmon

1. LAS Documents update
   a. Dr. Quesada is working on the LAS strategic documents. They will be ready in May and will be sent to the steering committee for approval.
   b. The Center’s protocol needs to be updated and Nathan has agreed to do it. The Learning Goals and Assessments documents need to be completed.

2. International Programs and Agreements
   a. The PUCE agreement was voted on and approved by the UCBCC. It is ready to start in Spring of 2013.
   b. The MOU with Javeriana was approved and signed. Fr. Múnera took it back with him to Bogotá for signatures. The next step is to identify programs in Columbia that may be appropriate for Loyola.
   c. In the summer of 2012, faculty and staff from Andrés Bello University and Tachina University in Venezuela will come to Loyola for an intensive English course.
   d. A program in Spanish for Loyola faculty and staff is open in Puebla, Mexico.

3. Translation and Interpretation
   a. The program was approved by SCAP and is ready to begin in Spring 2013. A donation of $50,000 has been received for the program that Loyola has to match. The Center has also applied for a BCM (Baptist Community Ministries) grant and we will know their decision on June 1st.
   b. The steering committee discussed having a workshop on teaching translation and interpretation. The director will put together such an event in the Fall of 2012, in preparation for the start of classes in Spring 2013. Three members of the steering committee expressed that they are unable to teach translation courses.

4. Events
   a. Fr. Carlos ManGing, Graduate Studies Director at PUCE – Sept. 19
   b. Jorge Sanjinés Bolivian film director - October
   c. Francisco Goldman, writer – Nov. 15
   d. Antonio Sosa, Tachira University President – Jan. 31
   e. Guillermo Anderson concert – Mar. 6, 7, 13, or 14.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.