Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Regular LAS Steering Committee Meeting
September 6, 2011 – 12:30 p.m.

Attendees: Dr. Uriel Quesada, chairperson, Dr. Nathan Henne, Dr. Blanca Anderson, Dr. Hillary Eklund, Dr. Al Alcazar

1. Reports
   a. Minors/majors
      i. In August 2011, it was reported that there are currently 10 Latin American Studies students – 6 majors and 4 minors.
      ii. Members of the committee expressed doubt of these figures and agreed to talk to students not included in the report
   b. Events
      i. Upcoming Events:
         - Dr. Jesus Barquet – Book Presentation - September 29
         - Dr. Gerardo Aldana – Lecture on Indigenous Scientific Thought - October 12
         - Imprisoned, Forgotten, and Deported – Co-sponsor conference on immigration detention - October 13-14
         - Vecinos – Co-sponsor Hispanic Heritage month event - October 2
         - Dr. Hilda Chacon – Lecture on Latin American Political Cartoons – February 2012
         - Ms. Ligia Castro – Lecture on Latin American Microfinance Experiences – March 2012
         - Dr. Alberto Munera – Director Instituto Pensar, Columbia – Lecture on the Jesuit Higher Education Experience in Latin America - TBA
      ii. The Director requested that steering committee members present him with ideas for events for Spring 2012.
   c. Programs
      i. Translation and Interpretation
         a. Progress is being made with the proposal. A final version of the program proposal will be submitted for approval to the Professional and Continuing Education Committee on Oct. 3, the Online Educational Task Force on Oct. 12, and the University Curriculum Committee on Oct. 22.
      ii. Oral History
         i. The program needs to be redesigned. It will be part of the proposal that the director will submit later this year.

2. Budget 2011-2012
   a. The director was notified of an increase in budget for this year, especially for the Latin American Studies program.
3. In Depth External Program Review
   a. The steering committee decided that an in-depth external program review will take place in the 2014-2015 academic year.

4. SACS documentation
   a. The CLACS Intranet currently contains, in draft, a number of SACS requested documents. The Director will work with Dr. Leopoldo Tablante to review these documents and present them for approval by the steering committee.

5. Five-year strategic plan
   a. The director and Dr. Leopoldo Tablante will work on a 5 year strategic plan proposal to be approved by the steering committee. Including areas of:
      i. Research
      ii. Areas of Expertise
      iii. Community Outreach
      iv. Marketing and Publicity
      v. Other projects: Loyola as a National Resource Center – Department of Education Title VI
      vi. Consortium with Jesuit Universities and local universities

6. New Common Curriculum and Academic Tracks (Workgroup strategy)
   a. After a long discussion on the new Common Curriculum the steering committee requested the director to collect the titles of all recently taught Latin American Studies courses.

7. Spring 2012 courses are due in early October.

8. Summer 2012 courses (regular and online) are due in early November.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.