

## **Department of History and Political Science Action Plan Update 2010**

The Department of History and Political Science completed its Departmental Review in December 2006. Within this review the Department adopted the following six Recommendations of Action:

1. Consider the incorporation of specific outcomes for both History and Political Science.
2. Each faculty member should review all his or her syllabi and file a report indicating which courses could benefit from an increased international perspective and how syllabi will be altered to achieve that goal.
3. Tools used for collecting data must be revised to elicit information specific to the learning outcomes.
4. Formalize the process of developing, researching and writing senior projects, and tie the senior project to the methods courses.
5. Ensure that recent versions of all syllabi are available in a central file.
6. Add an essay component to the exit exam in order to measure critical analysis.

### **Work in Progress:**

In the academic year 2009-2010 program review for the International Studies major was completed.

The Department has developed two methods courses over the last several years. In the History area, the Department offers Approaches to History and in the Political Science area the Department offers The Study of Politics. Both these courses continue to prepare our students for the rigors of their senior seminar projects.

The Department continues to review its senior exit survey and related processes. This is an ongoing endeavor as we fine tune the survey instrument.

A central storage system has been developed to house all senior theses, senior exit exams and alumni surveys over the past years. Serious progress has been made in our record keeping and archiving of these documents

