Mission Statement Assessment Activity Report Due April 21, 2017 to the Office of Academic Planning

Mission Statement Activity Report Template

Department Political Science

College LCA

1. What was your most recent mission statement prior to any revisions?

The Department of Political Science seeks to guide students towards becoming active and informed members of the community, locally and globally. We train students in five subfields—American Politics, Comparative Politics, Political Theory, Public Law, and Public Administration—with the aim of increasing their knowledge of the historical and geographical specificity of political power, institutions, values and practices, as well as the ways in which these can be transformed. Our faculty supports students as they learn to think and act as conscious and fully engaged political agents, committed to social justice and political transparency and participation. Students leave the classroom with the knowledge and skills to open doors to diverse career opportunities.

2. Please describe the process of revising or developing your mission statement. What informed your discussions about your new or revised mission statement (e.g. changes in the profession, new focus of the department)? How were department faculty members involved? Was it developed in department meetings or other gatherings?

Comments from UAAAC on the Mission Statement submitted for 2015-16 were shared with faculty and formed the basis for the revised mission statement presented below.

3. What is your revised mission statement?

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4. Please post your revised mission statement on your department web page.

Given that this year you revised your mission statement, the next step would be to review of your program learning goals in the 2017-18 academic year. If that is not the case, please notify the Associate Dean of Academic Planning. Thank you!