Dr. Ochwa-Echel presided over the meeting.

Members present: Jose Deustua-Carvallo, Gordon Tucker, Jeannie Ludlow, James Ochwa-Echel, Marilyn Holmes, Dagni Bredesen, Pamela Ortega, Robin Murray, Krishna Thomas and Mukti Upadhyay.

I. Welcome
   Dr. Ochwa-Echel called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. James thanked Krishna Thomas for taking minutes for November 17, 2011.

II. Approval of November 17, 2011 minutes
   On page two, minutes were corrected to read “Africana Studies” instead of “African American studies”, “Latin American Studies and Asian Studies” instead of “and programs”, “Dean Irwin also noted that another discussion was on how to organize disciplines under interdisciplinary” instead of “Dean Irwin also noted that another discussion was on how to collect disciplines or remove them was also necessary.”

   On page three under Speaker Forum, removed “Robert Martinez - a possible collaboration with the Economics department” and added to Henry Louis Gates “Robert Martinez (English) could possibly be a contact for Dr. Gates”, under Ad Hoc Assessment: changed “Krishna” to “Ms. Thomas”.

   With corrections, the minutes of November 17, 2011 were approved.

III. Elections Update

1. Asian Studies Program
   Updates are not available at this time.

2. Latin American Studies Program
   Dr. Deustua-Carvallo’s tenure will end in December 2012. Elections for a new coordinator will be held at the end of the semester and it is possible there will be a transitional coordinator.

IV. Committee Reports:

1. Cultural/Education Program
   Dr. Ludlow announced there will be a meeting on Friday, February 3, 2012 at 9:00 am.
2. **Grants**
James stated the ICGD SP12 Faculty Travel Award information was published in the Daily Eastern News in December, 2011 and will remain until March 19, 2012. To date, there has been one submission.

3. **Speaker Forum**
Dr. Bredesen and James suggested names for future speakers and will be meeting to review prospects. It is noted that Rebecca Skloot will not be able to present. Other suggestions were:

a. Dr. Delores Phillips, ODU assistant professor of postcolonial literature and theory. Dr. Phillips has presented “The Black Atlantic”, a discussion of the cultural and socioeconomic implications of foods from the African Diaspora.
b. Dr. Godson Obia.
c. William K. Black, associate professor of economics and law at UMKC.

Dagni mentioned the need to move ahead with future speakers. James stated the Speaker Forum committee can review prospects at the next meeting and also discuss the need to plan ahead for next year. Dr. Murray mentioned the Humanities Center would like to pair with Latin American Studies for the Speaker Series in Fall 2013/Spring 2014 and that Harriett Washington has been approved by Dean Irwin to present “Medical Apartheid” in February, 2013. The cost will be $7,500.00

4. **Ad Hoc Assessment**
Dr. Petersen and Krishna Thomas need to meet and finalize a draft for presentation to the advisory board.

V. **Other Items**
Jeannie announced some of the coming events for African American Heritage Month 2012. Also, Fiona Ngô, Assistant Professor in the Asian American Studies Program and the Gender and Women’s Studies Program at the U of I in Urbana-Champaign, will be speaking on Punk Music in the English Department conference room on March 29, 2012 at 11:00 am. Dr. Tucker stated there would be a ASM Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, April 26, 2012.

Krishna mentioned the possibility of having a reception following the presentation of TARIM at Doudna Fine Arts Center on March 3, 2012. Krishna also mentioned the possibility of a program (with faculty panel?) on international adoptions.

VI. **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

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*ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING*
February 24, 2012, 9:00 am – 10:00 am
Blair Hall 2116