

To: CLASS Dean, Faculty Senate, and Associate Vice President Planning and Institutional Research

From David Baggins, Chair Department of Political Science

Re: Annual Department Report as per CAPR Guidelines

Date: April 19, 2010

The Department filed an extensive 5 year report last year. It was accepted without revision. We have not yet had a final MOU meeting. We have very little to add to this recent 100 page, seven appendix, report.

The significant change since the report is the loss of lecturer services and the increase in class size. We have declined in recent years from an average of 25 sections a quarter to 17. Class size has grown to nearly 40. The department is close to 200 majors.

The change in class size is completely compatible with the teaching of the content of Political Science and completely incompatible with skills-based learning and assessment. It is for the University to consider and grapple with this basic truth.