Juntura Meeting, March 8, 2012 3pm.

Those in attendance: Jamie Nekich (chair), Juan Corona, Liz Morin, Heather Gasser, Heather Maib, Taya Carothers, Caleb Nindo, Rochelle Smith, Charity Buchert. We did have a voting quorum with 5 of 9 voting members present. The meeting did not require any formal voting.

Agenda for the meeting was to share updates on the committees current projects and further organize subcommittee needs/ resources and timelines.

We have formed three subcommittees: media, common read, and domestic partners. Each subcommittee reported on its progress to date.

Jamie Nekich opened the meeting by reporting that there has been no word from Faculty Senate about a formal vote on the merger of Juntura/ AADA committees to form Ubuntu. It is expected that this will be approved this spring. The Committee on Committees is currently seeking replacements for our two missing committee members. We probably will not get those vacancies filled before Fall.

- The 'Media' subcommittee, chaired by Heather Maib, reported the following:
 - Leah, the web developer for Student Support Services/ Multicultural Affairs/ LGBTQA programming, has agreed to help with designing a website Juntura/ Ubuntu.
 - A ghost web page will be created over Spring Break. (Jamie Nekich is providing documents such as minutes, letters, and proposals from Juntura to help with the initial draft of the website).
 - The links from the home page will be: About/ Mission/ Members/ Minutes/ Campus
 Partners/ Active Projects/ Past Projects. In addition there will be action items allowing the campus members to offer input to the committee on possible projects.
 - Once the drafts of the web page have been created they will be uploaded to 'Dropbox' online so that committee members can edit the documents, add information. All committee members will access these documents and provide feedback.
 - o The goal is to link Ubuntu to the diversity page on the campus web
 - The site should be established and running by the end of the semester
- The 'Domestic Partners' subcommittee, chaired by Heather Gasser, offered a draft of a document to be sent to the Faculty Senate and President prior to the end of the academic year.
 - It was suggested that this document be uploaded to 'Dropbox' and members of the committee offer feedback on the draft that Heather can then integrate into the letter
 - It was suggested that we note in the letter inconsistencies between policies the University implements and statements of their values as laid out in the FSH. In addition, the letter will document what has happened in other states/ other universities and will document the actions of the City of Moscow with respect to extending domestic partner benefits.
- The 'Common Read' subcommittee, chaired by Rochelle Smith reported on the work underway of the Common Read Selection Committee.

- Rochelle reported that she and Gary Williams are chairing a "Rethinking the Common Read" committee that will examine how to improve the process by which the book is selected and implemented into the first year experience. For example, selecting the book sooner so there is more time for publicity and involving more faculty in the topics/ discussions of the book.
- Rochelle felt Juntura/ Ubuntu input into the process can be informal at this time and she will
 relay the committees concerns that the topics of the books reflect the diversity of our
 campus.
- Taya Corothers, from International Programs, shared some information with the group about the
 Dream Act. Currently undocumented students who graduate from Idaho high schools are treated as
 international students and have to pay increased fees to attend college. Taya reported that 14
 states have laws that eliminate the added fees if students meet specific criteria --- such as attending
 a state HS for at least 3 years and graduating. Among the states who have adopted Dream Acts are
 Utah and Washington.
 - The committee feels interested in pursuing this topic and perhaps finding a way to change the policies on our campus
 - It was suggested that we invite Jolanda from the CAMP program to provide us with additional information at our next meeting.

We will keep active the idea of hosting/ co-hosting an educational event for implementing during the 2012-13 academic year.

The committee adjourned at 4pm.