IRA Proposal #559

Instructional Related Activities Report Form

Sponsor	DEPARTMENT
Andrea Grove	Political Science Program
ACTIVITY TITLE	DATE (S) OF ACTIVITY
Model UN	21-24 November 2013

PLEASE EXPLAIN (1) DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY; (2) HOW DID THE ACTIVITY RELATE TO A COURSE(S); AND (3) WHAT YOU LEARNED FROM THE PROCESS.

- A group of 18 students attended the Northwest Model UN conference to discuss, debate, and negotiate several global issues. Our students did very well. They were all very engaged, with one winning the Best Position Paper award in her committee (Jenny Arevalo).
- 2) This relates to work in the political communications and international relations courses on campus. Students were required to write position papers about their issues (2 or 3), as well as a country background paper and presentation.
- 3) We had multiple debrief/discussion sessions during the conference and at the end. The students learned immensely about the multiple issues in their committees, and also about the procedures used during such negotiations. Students have also turned in 4 page reflection papers at the end of the semester. We left feeling that Model UN participation is essential to our efforts to work toward global engagement of our students.

**Please attach assessment forms from students, list of attendees, peoplesoft program report

E-mail to the Dean's Office 30 days after activity