Division of Humanities & Social Sciences
Reading Group Final Report

Section A

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Section B

Final Report Write Up

• Themes of reading group & nature of discussion: As a strategy to improve the well-being of older adults in their later life, volunteer programs served by older adults are growing in number. Nevertheless, the scholarly work on institutional capacity for productivity in late life has not been well developed. Through the collaboration of interdisciplinary reading group, we could understand more complex dynamics in productive engagement based on individual and institutional phenomenon which can encourage more innovative and systematic academic work on the conceptualization and measurement of productive aging, especially in Asian contexts. With the aim of enhancing knowledge building on the institutional capacity, this reading group could inspire, initiate and develop more specific and feasible idea on an empirical research.

• Principal participants: Hong, Song-lee (Social Work), Thang, Leng Leng (Japanese Study), Lee, Alex (Social Work), Mehta, Kalyani (Social Work)

• Financial statement of expenditures: RA manpower for data mining for deeper discussion among our faculty members, purchase of books, refreshments for regular meetings.

• Outcomes from this reading group: For future grant proposal, a basic data mining file based on key elements in institutional capacity measures of productive activities from reading group discussion.

• Itemization of books/works discussed in this reading group:
Section C

Comments: Approved. Based on email exchange, PI was permitted to use research assistant for data mining. This was utilized in the reading group to develop cross-sectional insights.

Signature of Director (DHSS): [Signature] Date: 14 May 2010