

University Undergraduate Core Committee

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

VH room 219

11am – 1pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ellen Crowell, Judy Geczi, Jordan Glassman, Bryan Sokol, Gary Barker, Steve Sanchez, Anne McCabe, Bill Rehg, Jennifer Rust, Kelly Lovejoy, Ness Sandoval, Ellen Carnaghan, Kim Druschel, Ryan McCulla, Filippo Marsili, Michael Swartwout, Joseph Nichols, Kyle Crews, Lauren Arnold, Kettenbach, Peggy Dotson, Louise Neiman, Laura Rettig

1. Call to Order Announcements and Updates

- Holiday Thank You Gathering – 12/11 Boileau Hall 4:30-6:30
- UCC's last 2019 meeting is 12/17; meetings will resume 1/7/2020
- Deadline for UCC to produce final version of Core Proposal will be 1/31. All college / school vote deadline accordingly must be pushed back from 3/1 to the Friday after Spring Break. Core Director will contact presidents of respective faculty assemblies / councils to keep them informed of our progress and the adjustment of the voting deadline.
- Report back on meetings with:
 - African American Studies, American Studies, and Women's and Gender Studies
 - Gina Merys of the Reinert Center (regarding Ignatian Pedagogy training)
 - Languages, Literatures and Cultures

2. Approval of 11/26 meeting minutes with one correction.

3. Vote: Overarching Question #1: First Year Seminar Items

Votes – includes both Voting and Non-Voting Members

- 1) Can first year seminar be delivered in such a way that it meets both core and major program requirements?

Yes -15 Against - 0 Abstentions – 2 **(pass)**

- 2) Can the FYS be attributed rather than credit bearing? **(fail)**

Yes -1 Against – 16 Abstentions -1

- 3) Can the First Year Seminar be delivered flexibly, with 2ch being the minimum? (i.e., 2-3 credit hours)? **(no vote: issue needs further clarification / discussion before voting)**

4. Discussion of timeline after 3.20 vote (if core passes). The Academic Catalog deadline for 2021-22 (pilot year) is 4/7. So, from 1 Feb through end of spring semester, UCC will be working on:

- Faculty development structure
- Structure of Pilot semester (fall 2021)
- core course submission documents and procedures
- job descriptions for Associate Directors (target is to have the Associate Directors in place by 7/1)

5. Discussion of working lunch with Theology, Philosophy and Ethics

UCC members Mike Swartwout (Parks) and Ginge Kettenbach (Doisy) agreed to meet with chairs / directors of Theology, Philosophy, Healthcare Ethics to discuss how to make sure the core engages students in central disciplines / concepts within the Catholic, Jesuit tradition.

UJCC members recognized concerns in the university community that students are getting enough exposure in these areas.

Discussed, broadly, questions of credit hours (which core components could be variable in credit hours, which might be reimagined as non-credit bearing); question of how to make the delivery of the Core by full-time faculty the norm; how to get faculty from across the university interested in carrying the Mission and how to provide adequate faculty development to make sure this happens in transformative ways.

UJCC discussed how our document defines "credit hour." 15 contact hours is the university definition. UJCC discussed the pros and cons of Cura Personalis being credit- or non-credit bearing. UJCC noted that even when a credit hour is pulled out of a component (for instance, FYS or CIQ being minimum 2ch rather than 3), for many students the credit hours will stay the same and the voices on our campus that are asking for a smaller core are asking for fewer COMPONENTS, not just a lower overall credit hour total. If we add more components without dropping others entirely, then we risk coming back in January with a 37-38ch Core.

6. Adjourn