

Minutes, University Committee for General Education
Meeting #5, 2008-2009; October 30, 2008

Present: Pat Hart, Matt Wappett, Charles Tibbals, Chris Williams, Elizabeth Sloan, Steve Chandler, Marc Klowden, Michael O'Rourke, Kathy Aiken, Rochelle Smith, Joe Cloud, Jeanne Christianson and Karen Hume.

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm. It was moved and seconded (Hart/Klowden) to approve the minutes with minor editorial changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Dean Aiken came and talked to the committee about CLASS' participation in Core Discovery. She stated that the college has participated from the beginning. She feels that Core Discovery is beneficial for students and she has supported it from the beginning. However CLASS cannot continue to cover the bulk of Core Discovery courses. She also stated that CLASS pays the majority of money for Core Discovery right now with tenure track faculty. There was a question brought up about how Core Discovery was originally funded. Dean Aiken stated there has never been a permanent budget line for Core Discovery.

There was quite a bit of discussion on who currently contributes to Core Discovery besides CLASS. Should the University pay for Core or could we possibly designate a portion of student fees to pay for Core Discovery.

Pat Hart asked if there were any solutions to Core Discovery. Could we possibly redesign the current system making Core Discovery a semester course instead of a year-long course? Michael O'Rourke stated that if we can't pay for the current design of Core Discovery how can we pay for a redesigned Core Discovery.

The question was asked whether the Core Curriculum was a part of the University wide re-allocation process. Jeanne Christiansen stated that it was not a part of the process at this time.

Several committee members asked how much it costs to fund Core Discovery and what colleges are contributing. Chris Williams, Jeanne Christiansen and Jean Henscheid will develop a cost breakdown and a list of those colleges that are contributing.

Motion was made to adjourn (O'Rourke/Klowden). Motion passed unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.

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