

Minutes, University Committee for General Education
Meeting #1, 2008-2009; September 4, 2008

Present: Rochelle Smith, Elizabeth Sloan, Joe Cloud, Patricia Hart, Matt Wappett, Steve Chandler, Marc Klowliden, Jean Henscheid, Charles Tibbals, Chris Williams, Karen Humes, Alistair Smith, and Michael O'Rourke

The meeting was called to order by Chris Williams at 3:30pm.

New Business:

Jean gave an overview of her presentation for the upcoming Advising Symposium.

Jean also gave an update on Core Discovery and Integrated Science:

Core Discovery

37 instructors (19 board appointed)

1680 students enrolled in 48 non-honors sections (1726 full-time first year students)

43 seats still open in non-honors sections

72 students in 3 honors sections (18 seats still open)

Integrated Science

7 instructors (7 board appointed)

224 students enrolled in 6 non-honors sections (15 seats still open)

25 students enrolled in 1 honors section

Who's paying?

Core Discovery = 25 sections covered by CLASS. Rest split across colleges (funds and instructors) and from Provost

Integrated Science = 6 covered by Science (on load) 1 covered by CALS (on load)

Other personnel

31 peer mentors (paid through VPAA) = @\$500 per semester

Director

"borrowed" administrative assistant

Request for proposals

The committee discussed moving forward with the request for proposals for Core Discovery and Integrated Science courses so that new courses can be approved in time for Vandal Friday.

Dormant Courses

CORS 212 Mineral and Human Health

CORS 214 Fish/Wildlife and Society

CORS 209 Global Climate Summit

Karen Humes said that Geography hopes to resume teaching CORS 209: Global Climate Summit in 2009-2010. Chris Williams will contact the other two departments about possibly offering these courses again.

Marc Klowden asked if there was a list of all Core Discovery and Core Science courses that have been offered. He also asked why they are not listed in the catalog. The committee will discuss this at a further date.

Core 107 The Latino Story

Dale Graden contacted Jean about including Core 107: The Latino Story into the Latin Studies degree program. There was some discussion about where Latin Studies is housed, either in History or Foreign Languages. Jean will contact Dale to discuss who owns the decisions regarding Latin Studies.

Future issues for the CORE

Jean stated that the University would be sending a report to the North West Commission on Colleges and Universities in October. She asked the committee to give her some direction on what assessment topics they would like covered.

Funding for Core Discovery next year: Dean Kathy Aiken has stated that CLASS cannot continue to fund this at the rate it has in the past. The committee discussed inviting Dean Aiken and Provost Baker to meet and discuss funding.

Chris Williams attended the AACU Greater Expectations conference in Snow Bird last summer in Park City, Utah and brought back ideas for the committee to discuss about the First Year Seminar. The goals are to create a first-year experience that is more uniform, a more coherent introduction for all incoming freshman, possibly integrated into Core Discovery.

Areas of Discussion

Creating an advising document for the Core Curriculum for everyone across campus to use on Vandal Friday.

Creating a document that would give a visual snapshot of who is participating in the Core Curriculum (funds or instructors).

Joe Cloud asked what would happen if all funding for Core Discovery went away. It may mean, for example, bringing back all 100-level courses with 100 students in each.

Meeting adjourned 4:40 pm.

Julie Miller

Core Assistant