

UCC Meeting June 18, 2019

Attendees: Ellen Crowell, Jay Haugen, Judy Geczi, Jordan Glassman, Bryan Sokol, Gary Barker, Steve Sanchez, Fabiola Martinez, Bill Rehg, Jen Rust, Kelly Lovejoy, Ness Sandoval, Ellen Carnaghan, Kim Druschel, Ryan McCulla, Chris Thomas, Michael Swartwout, Kyle Crews, Lauren Arnold, Devita Stallings, Ginge Kettenbach, Louise Neiman, Emily Lutenski, Amber Johnson, Bonnie Wilson, Laura Rettig

- 1) Call to Order
 - Approval of meeting minutes for 4/16, 4/30 and 5/7--approved.
- 2) Announcements
 - Core calendar will be linked to the UCC Workgroup site [completed].
 - Dr. Pestello would like to invite the committee for dinner on 8/20, 8/28 or 9/5. [note: final date will be Tuesday 8/20]
- 3) Overview and discussion of Serious Play Workshop Final Report
- 4) Discussion of results from Core Prototypes, Qualtrics survey and UCC Core survey
 - UCC discussed whether, given the feedback, to move forward with including a retreat – and whether it should be mandatory or optional. Additionally, discussed how to balance writing within the core against the other two outcome embedded in SLO #4—oral and visual communication.
 - UCC continued to think about how to approach a possible foreign language competency requirement, given mixed feedback from external survey
 - Discussed whether themed strands still make sense given need to build a core that allows for some percentage of double counting with one’s major coursework (especially for allied health and engineering programs), and relatedly, discussed how UCC as a committee will define “STEM” and its presence within the core. Agreed that the core needs to work to balance interdisciplinary / integrative coursework against disciplinary grounding.
 - Capstone/Signature work – discussed possibility that every major might need to change / modify / tweak its capstone / signature work requirement so that the major and core can come together in the capstone experience. Programs would need to work with Core committee to think about how Core SLOs could form part of all capstones. We need to keep the desire for double counting in mind when designing this core capstone.
 - UCC agreed that we are looking at a core proposal that will come in somewhere between 30-36 hours, with much room for double counting but some portion that is completed in the core only.
- 5) Discussion of possible ways forward for the summer / working group formation. UCC heard from all members regarding their ideas for / hopes for the work ahead this summer. Overall caveats about our work this summer:

- Keep students first
- Observe 80 / 20 rule. If you are at least 80% on board with some element of the core, agree to move forward. We won't get to 100% agreement on this committee, but by agreeing to the 80/20 rule, we will practice compromise together this summer as a committee, and we will be ready to help facilitate the same kind of give and take / compromise when we go back out to the university community in the fall.

UCC members then expressed their individual ideas / goals for the work of creating one core proposal this summer:

- Be transparent and honest.
- Have more frequent full group discussions.
- Come to an agreement about exactly what should be in the Core proposal that goes to the SLU community in fall, and about how it will be discussed and voted on. Process must be transparent to SLU community.
- Subcommittee work will be vitally important this summer, and membership should be determined by each committee member's passion for specific core elements.

Conclusion:

UCC designated six summer subcommittees to begin:

1. First Year Seminar / Discernment sequence
2. Integrative Seminar / distribution / strand
3. Communication (written / visual / oral)
4. Quantitative reasoning
5. Ethics
6. Capstone / Signature Work.

All UCC members will be able to fill out a preference form with justification for wanting to work on specific committees. Committees will be set by June 21 and all will get a short-term "charge" to begin work on their core area. A team leader will call one or more working meetings before next full UCC meeting on July 2. On July 2, all subcommittees will have a chance to report back to full committee and get feedback

Our next full UCC meeting will be in DuBourg 404.

6) Adjournment