

## University Undergraduate Core Committee

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

VH room 219

11am – 1pm

### Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Ellen Crowell, Bryan Sokol, Gary Barker, Steve Sanchez, Anne McCabe, Bill Rehg, Jennifer Rust, Sheri Anderson, Ness Sandoval, Ellen Carnaghan, Kim Druschel, Ryan McCulla, Filippo Marsili, Christopher Thomas, Michael Swartwout, Kyle Crews, Lauren Arnold, Margaret Bultas (remotely), Ginge Kettenbach, Peggy Dotson, Louise Neiman, Laura Rettig

1. Call to Order and announcements/updates.  
Meeting Minutes approval: 1/21 and 1/28 (both approved)

Opportunity: UCC can think about applying to send a team of five to the AAC&U 2020 Institute on Teaching and Learning for Campus-Wide Interfaith Excellence – July 21, 2020 to July 24, 2020. American University.

UCC discussed possible people to invite to work on this with us from across campus

Possible projects / questions to pitch:

- How can SLU use the new Core as a way to engage with teaching and learning geared towards campus-wide Interfaith Excellence?
  - CP (CP2) experience as a way to create dialogue between faith traditions and practices
1. Open discussion: responses heard in Monday 2/10 open forum on Core (South Campus)  
2/10 forum offered a good way for people to articulate their concerns in a large group setting, and hear from others whose views differ. Concerns about transfer policy for students who have already completed an Associates' Degree; concern about how students will complete attributes; concern that attributes will not be policed in ways that ensure a rigorous exposure to Ethics / Moral Reasoning
  2. Open discussion: Other areas of feedback
    - o Student rep observed that he heard from several students who noticed changes to the Core architecture and appreciated them (particularly the clear requirement of both a Theology and a Philosophy course). Many students excited for SLU's more coherent approach to core curricula. A few were pretty upset about the lack of actual ethics course.
  3. Discussion: Work UCC can undertake as we await results of university-wide vote.
    - 4/1 open call for Associate Directors. UCC can work on drafts of these position descriptions now; goal to have drafts the week we return from spring break to polish and send out by 4/1.
    - Fall 2022 recruiting starting summer 2020. UCC will need to provide Admissions with some informational materials about the Core. We can hold pre-planning meetings with Enrollment and Retention, Transfer, 2+2 programs, 1818, Marcom.
    - If the Core passes, UCC needs to work with any, and all places on the web that talk about SLU gen-ed requirements to put in place an announcement—something along the lines of “SLU has approved a new Core as of this date. All students who enroll after this date will be under these new guidelines.” Work with Registrar to do an inventory of all the places where this notice will need to go.
  4. Adjourn