

Minutes
Subcommittee on Core Curriculum

Friday, August 19, 2016

Call to Order

The Subcommittee on Core Curriculum was called to order by Mary Magoulick at 1:00 p.m. in Arts & Sciences 2-51.

Attendance

Voting Members Present: Jamie Addy, Nancy Beasley, Christine Mutiti, Diane Gregg, Natalie King, Mary Magoulick, Brandon Samples, Cara Smith, Debora Stefani, Amy Sumpter, Cliff Towner, Jeff Turner, Stephen Wills, Dana Wood, J. F. Yao
Non-Voting Member Present: Kay Anderson

Agenda

The agenda was approved as distributed.

Discussion Items

Last Year's Committee Accomplishments. Mary described the way that GC1Y and GC2Y proposals were considered and approved, as well as changes that were made in the process over the past several years. In addition, the committee hosted forums to assist faculty teaching 1Y and 2Y sections.

This Year's Committee Goals. Goals for this year include continuing support for faculty teaching the 1Y and 2Y sections; holding additional discussions and forums with faculty teaching in these areas, particularly focused on assessment; and addressing some means of recertification for 1Y and 2Y sections, which is pending support from the Interim Associate Provost. Another idea for this year is to hold some sort of training or support sessions for faculty interesting in creating new 1Y or 2Y sections but need some assistance with either course development or the approval process. The committee discussed some ways that the recertification process could be completed, including how the chairs might be involved.

Mary asked the committee if there was a desire to form subgroups to begin this work. Jamie, Brandon, Jeff, and Dana all volunteered to work on a training session for new faculty. Cara, Nancy, and Mary volunteered to begin planning some forums.

Brandon also suggested reaching out to Steve Jones to see if this could be included in New Faculty Orientation workshop series.

Action Items

Operating Procedures. Mary distributed last year's operating procedures to the members of the committee prior to the meeting. It was moved and seconded to adopt these procedures as the operating procedures for this year's committee. Upon a voice vote, the motion to adopt the operating procedures as distributed was approved without dissent.

GC2Y 2000 Unnatural Disasters as an Area B2 Section. Mary thanked the committee for reviewing and approving this course proposal over the summer. This was a course developed by a new faculty member who would not have been able to teach the course this semester, as needed, without this approval.

Information Item

Addition to Instructor Roster. A new instructor, Larry Preston, has been approved by the Government & Sociology department to teach GC2Y 2000 Crossroads.

Core Coordinator and Assistant Director of Assessment/QEP. Cara noted that a proposal was being submitted to hire a faculty member to coordinate the core. A position for QEP director, with a half-time role as Assistant Director of Assessment, has also been approved.

Website. Brandon provided an overview of the committee's website and the materials that are posted there.

Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting will be Friday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m. in A&S 2-51.

A&S 2-51 will not be available on September 16, October 21, November 18, January 20, March 17 and April 14. The committee will plan not to meet on those days unless there is urgent business.

Adjournment

The committee adjourned at 158 p.m.