

Minutes
Subcommittee on Core Curriculum

Friday, September 23, 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, Diane Gregg, Natalie King, Mary Magoulick, Brandon Samples, Cara Smith, Debora Stefani, Amy Sumpter, Cliff Towner, Jeff Turner, Dana Wood, J. F. Yao

Non-Voting Member Present: Kay Anderson

Regrets: Christine Mutiti, Stephen Wills

Agenda

The agenda was approved with one addition. Jeff requested that the committee discuss a concept for a GC2Y course. Jamie asked to discuss about an addition to our bylaws requesting that a proposer leave the room when voting occurs.

Minutes

Minutes from the August 26 meeting were approved. The minutes from the September 9 meeting were approved with one correction.

Action Items

Inclusion of Computer Science Courses in Area D. J.F. shared a proposal to add CSCI 1301 and 1302 to Area D for Science majors and CSCI 1000 and 1200 for Area D for Health Professions majors. Mary asked to limit discussion to ten minutes since the committee had already been discussed at the last meeting. Members of the committee agreed to the time limit. J.F. accepted a request to remove the addition of CSCI 1000 and 1200 for Area D for Health Science majors. The motion to add CSCI 1301 and 1302 to Area D for Science majors was moved and seconded. Voting was conducted by paper ballot. The motion carried with a vote of 9-3. This proposal will now go forward to CAPC, University Senate, the Provost, and, if approved at those levels, to the Board of Regents General Education Committee. The next deadline for submissions to the General Education Committee is January 20, 2017.

Discussion Items

Review of Area B Sections. Mary summarized the previous discussion on the review of existing Area B sections. Jeff requested a ten minute limit on discussion. The committee agreed to the time limit. The importance of following a consistent, voluntary process was emphasized. The committee also discussed whether or not SoCC should require all faculty to participate when the primary concern seems to have been focused on a few courses. The question of whether or not it was within SoCC's purview to identify poor performing courses, particularly without clear evidence or data, was also raised. Cara shared a process used by the University of Kansas to recertify all core courses. The group discussed the importance of Area B to our core and

mission. Other ideas included hosting forums to discuss options to get additional feedback and the possibility of piloting a review. Many programs also have such assessments for their department SMART goals, reaccreditation processes, etc. Mary asked the committee to voice their support or opposition to the general principle of outcome-focused review. Upon a voice vote, the proposal was endorsed with no dissent. If you have ideas about how to conduct this type of review, please send them to Cara.

Team-Teaching GC2Y. A new faculty member asked about the possibility of team-teaching a section of 2Y. This is a decision of their chair and their dean.

GC2Y as Study Abroad. There have been some GC2Y sections that have been taught as study abroad courses. Mary asked the committee dedicated some time in the future to discuss what kind of processes

GC2Y Proposal. Sociology is trying to propose a new GC2Y course that could be taught by anyone in their department. The general theme is Global Inequalities, but the type of inequality addressed would be different based on the faculty teaching the course.

Operating Procedures. The committee discussed whether or not the proposer of a course should remain in the room when the committee votes on the proposal. SoCC meetings are open meetings and open meetings cannot be closed except to discuss personnel matters. Any member can request a roll call vote or a ballot vote on any issue.

Next Meeting

The committee's next meeting will be Friday, September 30, at 1:00 p.m. in A&S 2-51.

A&S 2-51 will not be available on 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 1:53 p.m.