

Chair's Report: University Core Curriculum Committee

2009-2010

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Chair: Blake Mellor (replaced Joseph Tiedemann in October, 2009)

Members: Charles Erven, Paul Harris, George Hess, Paul Humphreys, Steven Mailloux, Stella Oh (spring), Antonia Petro (fall), Jeff Phillips, Susan Scheibler

Ex Officio members: Rae Linda Brown, Margaret Kasimatis, Linda McMurdock, K.J. Peters, Curtiss Rooks

Over the past year, the committee has continued to oversee the process of developing a new model for the Core Curriculum:

- In a retreat in August, the committee reviewed the results of the survey of the models proposed by faculty during 2008-2009. None of the models received wide support, though many had elements which did receive support. The committee agreed to establish three working groups with representation from all five undergraduate colleges and schools: two groups to develop core models, based on the models proposed by the faculty in 2008-2009, and one to develop a model for a First Year Seminar program.
- The committee worked with the Deans and the Faculty Senate to appoint members to the three working groups, which began their work in October 2009. The working groups were chaired by three members of the committee: Susan Scheibler, Charles Erven and Paul Humphreys.
- The working groups reported to the committee regularly through their chairs, and minutes of the committee meetings were posted both on MYLMUConnect and MYLMU.
- In December 2009, the working groups presented the committee with draft reports. In January and February 2010, the committee discussed and responded to the drafts.
- After further deliberation, the working groups made their final reports to the committee in March 2010.
- After extensive meetings and discussions in March and April 2010 (including a 7-hour retreat on Sunday, April 11), the committee unanimously approved a draft proposal on April 29.

- The committee posted the proposal on MYLMUConnect for faculty comments, and will coordinate with the Faculty Senate in Fall 2010 to organize further conversations among faculty, students and staff and arrange for a vote on the proposal.

Throughout this process, the committee has maintained communication with the Deans and the Faculty Senate, coordinating closely with Katerina Zachariah, the Chair of the Senate Working Group on the Core.

The committee is very pleased with its proposal, and looks forward to discussing and refining it with the faculty in the Fall. This report would not be complete without thanking all those faculty who served on the Working Groups, at a great sacrifice of their time and energy.

Working Group 1 (First Year Seminar)

Paul Humphreys (chair)
Stella Oh (BCLA)
Teresa Heiland (CFA, Senate)
Kennedy Wheatley (SFTV)
Joe LaBrie, S.J. (Mission and Identity)
Judy Scalin (Intercultural Faculty Committee)
Alan Hogenauer (Business)
John David N. Dionisio (CSE)

Working Group 2

Sue Scheibler (chair)
Mike Manoogian (CSE, Senate)
Cara Anzilotti (BCLA)
Damon Rago (CFA)
Greg Ruzzin (SFTV)
Gary Sibeck (Business)
Deena Gonzalez (Intercultural Faculty Committee)
Elizabeth Murray (Mission and Identity)

Working Group 3

Charles Erven (chair, Senate)
Alicia Partnoy (BCLA)
Carolyn Viviano (CSE)
Damon Willick (CFA)
Rodger Pardee (SFTV)
Allen Gray (Business)
Jose Badenes, S.J. (Mission and Identity)
Herbert Medina (Intercultural Faculty Committee)

