## University Undergraduate Core Committee
Tuesday, September 17th, 2019
VH room 219
11am – 1pm
**Meeting Minutes**

Attendees:  Ellen Crowell, Judy Geczi, Jordan Glassman, Gary Barker, Anne McCabe, Bill Rehg, Jennifer Rust, Kelly Lovejoy, Ness Sandoval, Ellen Carnaghan, Kim Druschel, Ryan McCulla, Filippo Marsili, Christopher Thomas, Michael Swartwout, Lauren Arnold, Margaret Bultas, Ginge Kettenbach, Peggy Dotson, Louise Neiman, Laura Rettig

1) Call to Order and Announcement
   Meeting Minutes 9/10 approved.
2) Announcements
   - Initial budget proposal for Core was kicked back to us for revision, and we are working with the Provost's office on these revisions.
   - Core Fellows programs are in place at many Jesuit institutions—average number varies but is around 6-8. We are still discussing optimal number (if any) for SLU with Provost; opportunity to become part of the [AJCU Post-Doctoral Diversity Fellows Consortium](#) and dovetail need to build targeted teaching capacity @ SLU with institutional goal of hiring for mission / diversity.
   - The Budget proposal did account for the large volume of training initially and tapers off as the training progresses.  Faculty development are one time incentives.
   - On 9/3, the UUCC unanimously voted to continue working on the current structure.  The components didn't change over summer and Ellen presented it to every Arts and Science department.  Some responses were negative but other departments could see places they could deliver courses in Core.
3) Discussion: Concerns the UUCC has heard about Core model as it stands (which garnered a unanimous yes vote for adoption by the UUCC on 9/3/19)
   - UUCC went over again the way the 9/3 model balanced needs of multiple high-credit-bearing, externally-accredited degree programs against the desire to deliver a balanced and holistic approach to liberal arts education in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition.
   - Discussed our closest comparison university: Marquette
     - Similar UG enrollment / demographic
     - 30 credit hour true common core
     - 80 undergraduate programs to SLU's 90
     - Smaller total number of colleges / schools delivering UG programs
     - School of Engineering offers six UG degrees; SLU offers 9, with three in Aviation that are externally accredited
     - Health Sciences degrees at Marquette: 8. At SLU: 19
     - Takeaway: Our UG profile is larger and more complex; our Core proposal is larger (35 to Marquette's 30) and more integrative.
   - Discussed a reframing of the 9/3 SLU Core Proposal that moved the "Ethical / Moral Reasoning" and "Ultimate Questions" requirements into a new named area:

"Theological and Philosophical Foundations"—which would be placed earlier in the core.

- UUCC members observed that, in practice, not all students would be able to take these courses early, but this placement does argue that an IDEAL way through this Core would mean that these foundational concepts would then influence all coursework undertaken after in the core (i.e., the "Ways of Thinking" distribution and the "Collaborative Inquiry" course
- UUCC voted unanimously **[non-material vote]** to make this change.

4) Framing document
   - UUCC continued to work on the framing document for our Core Proposal,
   - Discussed need for all UUCC reps to reach out to the Undergraduate Program directors in their colleges / schools to walk them through the Core proposal.
   - Additions to framing document appendix:
     - Overview of UUCC work from Nov. 2017 – Oct 2019
     - Alignment of Core Proposal (both holistic and components) with High Impact Practices
   - Discussion of how to approach UUCC structure in this framing document— including Associate Directors and curriculum committees

5) UUCC discussed and agreed that this Core Proposal will be released on 10/1, and that the deadline for questions and requests for clarification from College/School Faculty Assemblies and Councils will be due by November 15th.

6) Tidy Projects Presentation - Sequoyah Lopez and Grace Marker (undergraduate project leaders); Martin Brief (FPA Faculty Mentor)
   - Tidy Projects walked UUCC through how they came up with their draft visualization of the SLU Common Core
   - Walked UUCC through the visual they came up with., and fielded questions / initial feedback from UUCC members
   - UUCC members are asked to send Core Director any additional thoughts by Monday 9/23; Tidy Projects will deliver a final version on or before 10/1
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