

## University Undergraduate Core Committee

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

VH room 219

11am – 1pm

### Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to Order and announcements
  - 11/6 President/Provost Core Conversation
  - HLC Assessment Academy attended last week by Steve Sanchez, Ellen Crowell and Gary Barker; preliminary plan for Core pilot assessment worked out and shared with HLC mentors
  - Upcoming: AAC&U Conference in Seattle WA January 2020. Team from UCC will attend
- 2) Approval of 10/29 Meeting Minutes
- 3) Preliminary discussion: Parks College Response to the Core Proposal

UCC discussed the main areas of response from Parks College: total credit hours in Core; perceived vs. actual flexibility regarding programs adopting and adapting Core requirements into program requirements; definition of “credit hour” and flexibility there; who has responsibility for assessment of Core components.

Although UCC members agreed that it would be counterproductive to begin systematically responding to one unit’s response to the Core in isolation—and that we need to see what comes back from other units—Parks College questions illuminate areas we will need to make clearer for all units in the final Core Proposal brought back to SLU community in January. Many of Parks’ questions will be questions we hear from other units.

UCC discussed whether the first-year seminar might be delivered in ways that align with first-year programmatic requirements (this will be necessary in Doisy and Nursing—these reps observed). If that were the case, the UCC would approve any version of this course as long as it met the Core parameters of course-level student learning outcomes and “essential criteria required of all sections.”

- 4) Review of revised budget to be released this week to SLU community
  - UCC looked at draft “Budget Justification” for new Core spending. Task is to take a spreadsheet and lay it out in ways that make each line clear to faculty. UCC members pointed out areas that needed further clarification.
- 5) Preparatory discussion in advance of President / Provost conversation on the Core
- 6) Adjourn