

University Core Curriculum Council Minutes

November 11th, 2021

Present: Adrienne Wright, Liliana Renteria Mendoza, Liz Lane-Harvard, Gang Xu, Reid Weber, Jennifer Flygare, Tawni Holmes, Sarah Combs, Scott Williams, Stan Adamiak, Leslie Similly, Nora Gayzur, Manoshi Samaraweera, John Wood, Beth Allan, Jennifer Foster

Absent: Sam Ladwig, Heather Peck, Sam Kramer, Lihn Pham, Shonna Covin, Rosa Bird

1. Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

2. Approval of minutes from October 26th and 29th meetings

- Minutes were approved.

3. Update on proposal #155R

- Recommended for inclusion in the Core with a vote of 7 to 1.

4. Discuss proposal #151

- It would have been nice to see a detailed schedule.
- The syllabi were very generic/boiler plate.
- If we vote no, we'll keep seeing it. Do we ask for more detail? What would this detail be? This was echoed by more than one committee member.
- They have changed several things based on what the committee has said/requested.
- Is a generic syllabus appropriate based on the various disciplines? Can we ask for a more specific schedule? If we ask for that, does that infringe on academic freedom?
- It was noted that we are a recommending body.
- As long as it is not required for departments, it is okay.
- We'll have to include them in the review cycle. Which brought up the following question: How do we review core courses once they are in the core? – discussed that, may need to add University College to the cycle
- There is concern if we only review one course out of all of the Blueprint courses each cycle. Each course should be different based on the discipline, so we may need to review more than one.

The following motion was made and seconded:

It is recommended that Blueprint be added to the Core with these additional stipulations:

- Full review as own unit in Spring 2026

- Partial review of Blueprint in Spring 2023 with the first two elements of the assessment cycle spelled out
- Review one syllabus from each college

The motion was approved by a vote of 8 to 4.

5. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am