University Core Curriculum Council
April 19, 2021 2:00 – 3:00 pm MINUTES

Present: Manoshi Samaraweera, Linh Pham, Tawni Holmes, Sam Ladwig, Jennifer Foster, Rosa Bird, Stan Adamiak, Reid Weber, Sarah Combs, Samantha Kramer, Jennifer Flygare, Liliana Renteria Mendoza, Leslie Similly, Shonna Covin, Nora Gayzur, John Wood, Clark Ovrebo, Scott Williams, Heather Peck, Charlotte Simmons, Sunshine Cowan, Liz Lane-Harvard

Absent: Gang Xu, Adrienne Wright

1. **Welcome**
   Liz Lane-Harvard called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of minutes from the February 9th meeting**
   Minutes were approved.

3. **Provost Simmons Discussion**
   Dr. Simmons shared the history of the development of Broncho Blueprint over the past 6 years. We are now transitioning from Success Central to Broncho Blueprint. This was informed and supported by various entities. Blueprint was piloted and was successful. In part, Blueprint was created to help with retention. UCO has had declining enrollment, bur recruitment isn't an issue. Retention is the issue. A goal of Blueprint is to get students into and making connections within their major department early. UCO has made a commitment to HLC to proceed with Blueprint. This course does not need to be in the core; however, waivers will be signed to give the students core credit.

   It was shared that the goal is to not grow the core. The goal is to replace Success Central with Blueprint. UCO will be offering 20+ sections of Blueprint in the Fall with enrollment capped at 25 students per section. (Sunshine addressed the class size.) Dr. Simmons requested the UCC reconsider the addition of Blueprint in the core this spring, with a proposal modification.

   Blueprint has been modified since the UCC first reviewed it. It is now a 2-hour course at the 1000 level. If the UCC doesn't review it this spring, it will be offered as a 3-hour, 2000 level course and waivers will be signed.

   The floor was opened for discussion and questions. The following questions and talking points were presented:
   - In the fall, there were a lot of unknowns surrounding Blueprint. How much modification can be done between departments?
   - Blueprint was not a Success Central replacement when we reviewed it.
   - Blueprint seems malleable, which is unusual.

- The finance aspect is also a concern, especially considering departments already have courses like this.
- Blueprint seems to be in competition with other courses, which takes away funds from current programs. It seems like there's a lot of "we'll figure it out later."
- Typically, adjustments like this would force proposals to wait another year. Here, major changes were made, and now we're asked to reconsider it outside of our normal review timeline.
- The Core isn't meant to be discipline specific.
- If Blueprint is extended to every department, there could be credit hour issues with 2 hours vs. 3 because some departments operate on 3 credit hour courses.
- We were told teaching Blueprint wouldn't count toward teaching load.
- What happens with departments that don't have large enrollment? Could there be a Blueprint for Liberal Arts, for example?
- If we approve, would the fall Blueprint classes switch to 2-hour courses?

The following are responses to those questions and comments:
- An undergrad council is being created. This committee will consist of "Blueprint teachers". Blueprint will have same SLOs across sections. The undergrad council will oversee this aspect.
- The UCC also has to approve/review these syllabi. The CORE will still review Blueprint syllabi.
- The UCC is a recommending body and Dr. Simmons would like to honor that.
- The UCC is to hold Blueprint to the same standards as other courses.
- The UCC is to consider the content of the course, not the finances.
- Blueprint is not discipline specific as it is available to teach in all areas/departments.
- Since Blueprint is in the pilot stage, we can offer it as a 2 or 3-credit course.
- In the Blueprint FSI pilot, one faculty member taught the course as part of a normal teaching load, while the other taught it as overload.
- Deans' Council approved the first version of the Blueprint proposal. They reapproved the new proposal based on the concerns the UCC had initially.
- Colleges & departments are tailoring Blueprint based on their discipline and numbers.
- HLC initiative said we'd do cost sharing. That still needs to be figured out so as not to hurt departments.
- With budget cuts, we want to be cognizant of our students and their best interests.
- Not everyone will be offering Blueprint right away, so there is time to figure out what adjustments need to be made.
- Blueprint is still a pilot course. We are still verifying these courses work.
- AACC approved Blueprint as a 3-hour course.
- Broader feedback was for a 2-hour course. (Success Central was 2 hours, too.)

- If we move ahead with 2-hour course, AACC will have to re-approve the course.
- Blueprint will be taught in the fall. If the UCC doesn't approve the new proposal, Blueprint will be taught as a 3-hour course and waivers will be given to students.

Dr. Simmons thanked the committee for allowing her to speak and left the meeting.

Sunshine Cowan addressed the class sizes and mentioned that some departments have joined together to create an interdisciplinary Blueprint course because they see students change majors later on in their academic career. She then left the meeting.

The UCC motioned to review the Blueprint proposal again this spring. The motion was unanimous.

4. **Future activities**
Liz Lane-Harvard will create a doodle poll to schedule a meeting to review Blueprint. Blueprint documents will be shared with the committee.

5. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 2:55