

Core curriculum review committee meeting minutes

Meeting date: 20 November 2015

Meeting time: 10:30 to 11:30 am

Meeting location: Kayak Room, 408 Rasmuson Library

Meeting convener: Andy Seitz and Margaret Short

Attendees

Name	Present
Andy Seitz (co-chair)	X
Margaret Short (co-chair)	X
Bobbi Jensen	X
Brian Kassof	
Burns Cooper	X
Caty Oehring	X
Gabrielle Russell	X
Ginny Kinne	
Hayley Williams	X
Kathy Arndt	X
Kevin Berry	X
Kevin Sager	X
Larry Duffy	
Marsha Sousa	
Tony Rickard	X
Yelena Matusevich	

1. Approved meeting minutes from 30 October 2015
2. GER updates from Jennie Carroll – Jennie gave an extensive update on both the replacement of the O,W requirements and the Perspectives on the Human Condition. The details of the update are not included in these meeting minutes, but how these changes will affect the Core Review committee are briefly described. First, Os and Ws will disappear, so the Core Review Committee will see fewer and fewer O and W petitions as students from older catalog years graduate. There will be no petitions to the Core Review Committee coming from students who start in future catalog years. In the future, departments will decide what is acceptable for oral and written communication activities. Second, Perspectives on the Human Condition will be modified to a “bucket approach.” Curricular Affairs Committee will develop the guidelines for courses to qualify for certain buckets and CAC will also develop the initial list of courses in each bucket. After the initial buckets are developed, the Core Review Committee will review requests to have additional courses included in certain buckets and will review student petitions to have courses that are not listed in a certain bucket count towards meeting that bucket requirement.

3. Course proposal:

The “X” request was approved for CHEM F111X, so now this course will count towards the baccalaureate core in the natural sciences.

4. Petitions

a. Approved –

- i. Request to have Italian 193 count as one semester of a two semester language substitute (in combination with a 200 level Italian class taken in Italy) for the Perspectives on the Human Condition requirement. It was noted that Italian 193 was largely conversational, but it did include other language elements (construction etc). Additionally, the 200 level class taken in Italy was 6 credit hours, and therefore, the committee felt that this combination (ITAL 193 and 200) met the spirit of the language substitute for the PHC requirement.

b. Denied –

- i. Request to have HLTH F114 count toward the baccalaureate core natural science requirement. There was a note from a similar petition approved in 2012, which was approved, that any 4-credit science class can be used toward the Natural Science requirement without being reviewed by the Core Review Committee for the BA degree. However, the Core Review Committee has never seen anything in writing about this open substitution and the HLTH F114 course clearly does not meet the Faculty Senate guidelines for core natural science courses, so the petition was denied.

c. Tabled –

- i. Request to use ED F486O/2 in Summer 2015 count as ED F486W,O. The justification for the petition stated that ED F486 W,O was approved in Fall 2014, but was not effective until Fall 2015. The justification further stated that the Summer 2015 offering of the course followed the exact same syllabus as that approved for Fall 2015. However, a comparison of the syllabi from Summer 2015 and the syllabi approved for ED 486W,O for Fall 2015 showed that the syllabi were different. The petition was tabled pending a clarification of which syllabus was followed and how written and oral assignments were graded.

5. Discussion

- a. Re-visiting the website.
- b. Anything else?