

## UCC Meeting January 29, 2019

Attendees: Ellen Crowell, Judy Geczi, Jordan Glassman, Bryan Sokol, Gary Barker, Fabiola Martinez, Laura Franklin, Bill Rehg, Ness Sandoval, Amber Johnson, Kim Druschel, Ryan McCulla, Emily Lutenski, Bonnie Wilson, Michael Swartwout, Kyle Crews, Lauren Arnold, Devita Stallings, Ginge Kettenbach, Peggy Dotson, Louise Neiman, Debie Lohe, Laura Rettig

### 1) Announcements

- Core Director met with Provost Gillis to discuss funding faculty development for a Core Pilot year (2021-22). Provost requested a draft line item budget, and in response a group of UCC members (Ellen Crowell, Emily Lutenski, Laura Franklin, Mike Swartwout, Ness Sandoval and Lauren Arnold) met to draft one—will report back on what the response is next week.
- Devita Stallings reported that she hosted a Nursing brown bag Core discussion on 1/28 with 16 people in attendance. Take-aways: Nursing faculty / staff / students expressed a desire for an integrated core that stresses mission, but that retains some disciplinary focus: especially English, Math and History. Indicated that many of their students feel isolated: they know they want to be nurses but the core could do a better job of introducing different vocations—with classes focused more on life skills and personal responsibility. A focus on national / international problems, violence, substance abuse, health care issues, political issues. Associate Dean Langan attended and her main concern is not getting a core: stressed that in general, Nursing wants a more cohesive experience for their students.
- Jordan Glassman (SGA rep) reported on data collected on core efforts through the Mission Examen. Across the university, this process revealed a great deal of positive energy for core.
- Newslink article running tomorrow (1/30) will give an update of where the Core is now and announce our Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> event: a round table discussion on core design and implementation featuring three visiting Core Directors from three Jesuit universities (Marquette, Gonzaga, Boston College). Also, UCC will be bringing Dr. Ashley Finley (AAC&U) to SLU on 4/5 to discuss curricular design for student wellness..

### 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 1/22 minutes approved.

### 3) Revision of UCC Bylaws

- Discussed revisions and Ellen will edit accordingly.

### 4) Takeaways from AACU Conference (1/23 – 1/26/19)

- Five UCC members attended the AAC&U national conference in Atlanta.
- Attendees shared ideas gleaned from AAC&U sessions with full UCC.
  - Concordia University has PEAKS (Pivotal Experiences Applied Knowledge) experiences, in which students go out and apply what they learn
  - Photographer Martin Springborg uses photography as a way to give teachers a different sense of their teaching / classroom dynamic. We might bring him to SLU to photograph our Core pilot year—to use both internally and externally to market

the Core. Reinert Center / Core partnership to use photographs as a form of storytelling about what happens in a SLU education. NOTE: we already have a great photo archive, thanks to Kim Druschel. Kim's photos say more about our core development process than any of our written documents.

- 5) Draft Core Vision and Mission Statement (CAS, CCWG)
  - UUCC discussed the need for Core Vision / Mission statements. Discussed how the SLOs themselves give us this language—along with the SLU Baccalaureate Vision statement.
  - The mission of the core is to build something that unites us across campus. Further discussion next week. Make list of core commitments when start look at draft models.
  
- 6) Core Submission Reader Encounter Form
  - Ellen and Debie created a form to help the UUCC as they begin to read the Core Design Submissions (deadline, February 1<sup>st</sup>).
  - UUCC members should utilize this form in any way that feels useful for keeping track of the ideas / features you see in these submissions.
  - We will begin discussing the submissions on Tuesday, 2/5. As new submission arrive, Laura will anonymize them, and then upload them to the UUCC Workgroup site. Currently, three Complete Cores and two Core Components have been submitted.
  - Friday, 2/1 is the deadline.
  
- 7) Planning for AJCU Core Directors Roundtable discussion on 2/1/19 (Gonzaga, Boston College, Marquette)
  - UUCC discussed plan for visit—including an informal discussion at 10am with members of the UUCC, and also the 2-3:15pm roundtable discussion, open to the entire SLU community.