

University Undergraduate Core Committee

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Remote meeting

9:00 – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

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

- 1) Call to Order/Announcements
 - Appointment for Madrid AD Search
- 2) Report: Associate Director Appointments
 - Created one additional AD position for Reflection-in-Action
 - Associate Directors begin July 1, with weekly team meetings through the start of the fall semester, plus one-on-one weekly meetings with all ADs
 - Full UCC resumes W August 26th, 9:30-11am—likely on Zoom
- 3) Discussion: Ways of Thinking subcommittee – how to solicit and evaluate self-nominations from non-CAS units.
 - Discussed disciplinary / modality areas needed for diverse representation given elected CAS committee representatives: Quantitative Reasoning, Creativity, Aesthetics, distance learning
 - Colleges / Schools to target: SPS, Education, PHSJ.
 - Core Director will craft call for self nominations and distribute it to all Deans and Program Directors (non-CAS).
 - UCC members should also pass on the call for self-nominations to individuals they know would help fill disciplinary gaps
- 4) Discussion: Current plan for Ignite/CPI pilot.
 - Discussed location/logistics of pilot
 - How to craft an open call for Ignite seminar volunteers while still using Learning Communities as the structures through which the pilot will be delivered?
 - When do we need to begin promoting pilot to incoming students?
 - When do we need to begin reaching out to faculty / begin faculty development?
 - Promote LC in July for next year's class (2021).
 - UCC discussed a target of 10 pilot Ignite seminars and CP I: Self in Community sections, with an open call for proposals from faculty across the university
 - There would be a separate but similar call at SLU Madrid, with a scaled down pilot size
 - UCC recommended an open call first, to maximize creativity, and then mapping selected sections to requirements within Learning Communities where possible.
 - Peggy Dotson (Advising) suggested that filling sections not associated with LCs would not be a problem, as first year students are interested in taking interesting classes
 - Gary Barker affirmed that students electing to take a pilot Ignite could be given credit for a 3-hour CAS core requirement. UCC observed, also, that this may not be necessary as many students enrolled in the 2021 pilot may elect to opt-in to the Core in 2022-23.

- 5) Discussion: how to frame final 6/30 UCC discussion (alternatives to SWOT that can help us capture this group's wisdom on where we are now, what work comes next, where we see challenges/opportunities as the Core moves into implementation phase).
 - Desire for a discussion that captures:
 - Key turning points and granular qualities that created/develop the Core
 - How we operated weekly; what kept people coming back to the meetings despite the difficulty of the deliberation
 - What opportunities do we see, collectively, as the Core moves into its operationalization / implementation phase?
 - What threats / challenges do we see, collectively, as the Core moves into its operationalization / implementation phase?
 - UCC decides to use the framework of the Ignatian Examen to structure this discussion, to identify moments of illumination / grace or insight in our work, to explore critical moments of each person's UCC experience, and to reflect on how to move forward.
 - All agreed that we would like to invite all past members of the UCC to join in this final conversation / reflection. Core Director will send an invitation.
 - On 6/30, ZOOM conversation from 9-12 but then an in-person, socially distanced gathering at Tower Grove Park, starting at 4:30pm. BYO everything.
- 6) Discussion: Madrid AD position
 - Deadline for applications was 6/12—received two (one stood out)
 - UCC unanimously agreed to appoint Dr. Anne McCabe, current UCC Madrid representative, to the new position of Associate Director of the Core: SLU Madrid
- 7) Adjourn