

Faculty Senate Council on Core Curriculum
August 22, 2016
Ottenheimer Library – Room 535

Attendance:

Members Present

BBK: Belinda Blevins-Knabe
LS: Linda Stauffer
TTB: Tusty ten Bensel
BM: Brian Mitchell
MD: Michael DeAngelis
JF: Joe Felan
MF: Mark Funk
ESD: Elizabeth Sloan Davidson
RS: Rebecca Streett

Members Absent

NJ: Nick Jovanovich

Guests: Andrew Wright (AW)-President of the Faculty Senate

Minutes

1. Andrew Wright

AW discussed with our council the issues from the perspective of the Faculty Senate. He gave us some perspective from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) and informed us about our accreditation review in 2019-2020. He presented information on institutional learning, continuous improvement and learning outcomes in general education.

AW explained the view from the faculty of the goals, learning outcomes and learning outcomes. Are there too many learning outcomes? Are we trying to do too much and assess outcomes in too many places / classes? There was lots of discussion on the definition of “learning outcomes” and “learning objectives.” There seems to be some confusion as to what falls under each category. Also, there needs to be more consistency across the university. Something we need to continue to review as a core council. AW will return next week to help us with analyzing the core, outcomes, objectives and assessment.

2. Election of chairperson

LS nominated Belinda Blevins-Knabe to continue as chairperson.
There were no other nominees. BBK was appointed by acclamation.

3. College Core

CSSC – First read

Selected to accept all courses approved by the core council. There were 8 programs included on their list. There were no issues with the information presented. Because the College Core approval form was developed before the Science curricular area was made part of the standard core it is necessary to add a note stating that the Science curricular area is now part of the standard core.

Adjourned at 4:30 pm.