Minutes of the University Core Development Committee, Thursday, April 4, 2013

The meeting came to order in Gasson 105 at about 10:05.

Present were Patrick Byrne, Clare Dunsford, Arthur Madigan, Suzanne Matson, and Catherine Read.

The first order of business was discussion with Michael Connolly (chair, Slavic and Eastern) concerning learning outcomes assessment of Slavic and Eastern’s two Literature core courses. After a far-ranging discussion it was agreed that Arthur Madigan would send Michael Connolly Boston College’s basic E1A form and that Michael Connolly would send a report on core assessment to the committee. Michael Connolly left the meeting at about 10:30.

The committee approved BK 400 / EN 531 Making and Remaking Americans (Lori Harrison-Kahan) for Cultural Diversity core credit.

The committee approved SC 081 Introductory Sociology for Healthcare Professionals (Eva Garroutte) for Social Science core credit.

In discussion of these courses the point was made that syllabi ought to include a brief and accurate statement of the university’s academic integrity policy together with a link to the full policy. A similar point was made concerning the university’s policy for students with disabilities.

In the latter part of the meeting we began discussion of the current proposal for a new undergraduate core. The proposed new Core Renewal Committee would appear to supersede the UCDC. A colleague pointed out, however, that the governance proposals had met resistance at a recent town hall meeting. Another colleague added that faculty at that town hall meeting had asked to have a faculty vote on the plan. The former colleague added that the dynamic of exchanges on the Wiki and the dynamic in the town hall meeting were two different dynamics.

The committee adjourned at about 11:25.

Respectfully submitted by

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