

Minutes of the University Core Development Committee, Monday, September 30, 2013

The committee came to order in Gasson 105 at about 11:05 a.m.

Present were Patrick Byrne, Audrey Friedman, Laura Hake, Arthur Madigan, Suzanne Matson, Richard McGowan, Catherine Read, and Cynthia Simmons.

Also present was senior associate dean Gregory Kalscheur.

The principal business was discussion of a draft charge to a core working group with responsibility for developing pilot courses in line with the document Toward a Renewed Core developed in spring 2013. After discussion, the following resolution was voted unanimously.

The UCDC has concerns about how pilot courses can be developed and evaluated without a more clearly established foundational statement, and suggests that it be drafted first, before faculty are asked to invest time and resources in designing pilots. We recommend that this foundational statement be swiftly finalized, or we will lose the energy, creativity, and momentum generated by last year's process, which the committee affirms and hopes to encourage.

[This resolution was subsequently communicated to the president.]

The meeting adjourned shortly after 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted by

Arthur Madigan, S.J.