

Minutes of the University Core Development Committee, Wednesday, November 6, 2013.

The meeting came to order in Gasson 102 at about 11:05 a.m.

Present were Nasser Behnegar, Patrick Byrne, Clare Dunsford, Audrey Friedman, Laura Hake, Arthur Madigan, Suzanne Matson, Richard McGowan, and Cynthia Simmons.

The first order of business was discussion of SL 285 Ghosts and Strange Happenings in Chinese Literatures (Lydia Chiang), which was proposed for Literature and Cultural Diversity core credit. After discussion of the criteria for Literature core credit, the decision of the group was to approve SL 285 for Cultural Diversity core credit but not for Literature core credit.

Arthur Madigan summarized a meeting of Tuesday, of Father Leahy with Joseph Quinn, Mary Crane, David Quigley, Andy Boynton and others concerning the next steps in the core renewal process. The next step will be the creation of a working group with representation from the core renewal team, the UCDC, and other groups, with responsibility for setting up pilot Enduring Questions and Complex Problems courses in 2014-2015.

The group also approved the draft message to the Natural Science departments and History inviting them to meet with the UCDC to discuss assessment of their core offerings. [The message has since been sent to these departments.]

Given the many demands on our schedules, we agreed in principle that panels or subcommittees could meet with individual departments. We began the process of determining who would be willing to meet with which departments.

History: Clare Dunsford, Suzanne Matson, Cynthia Simmons.

Chemistry: Audrey Friedman.

Mathematics: Richard McGowan.

Physics: Audrey Friedman, Richard McGowan.

Patrick Byrne expressed willingness to meet with any of this year's departments as needed.

The meeting concluded at about 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

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