

Minutes of the University Core Development Committee, Wednesday, November 13, 2013

The committee came to order shortly after 11:00 a.m. in Gasson 102.

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

The minutes of the meeting of November 6, 2013 were approved with one addition.

The first topic of discussion was our meetings with departments — the natural Science departments plus History — concerning their assessment of their core offerings. We agreed that we should not begin these meetings until January and that we should develop a rubric that we would use in our conversations with the departments.

We then discussed the syllabus and cover pages for HS 77 Globalization (Philipp Stelzel). This and other courses with the common title Globalization had been approved by last year's committee for Cultural Diversity core credit. The reason for last year's one-year approval was that History had not yet engaged the instructors for these courses and so could not present syllabi. The committee was assured that the new Globalizations would follow the pattern of the existing Globalization, which had already been approved for Cultural Diversity credit. Discussion focused on the criteria for Cultural Diversity core courses and on the possible effects on other Cultural Diversity courses if a number of large-enrollment Globalization courses are approved for Cultural Diversity core credit. It was agreed that Arthur Madigan would write to History outlining our concerns about Globalization.

We agreed to hold over the draft of the revised Literature cover pages until our meeting on Wednesday, December 4.

There was a brief update on the status of the core renewal proposal. Arthur Madigan reported that Father Leahy had meet with the core team and others on Tuesday, October 29, and that Father Leahy was now considering the composition of a working group, including Mary Crane, David Quigley, and Andy Boynton but also other members, to continue the work of core renewal.

We adjourned at about 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Arthur Madigan, S.J.