

Minutes of the University Core Development Committee meeting of January 24, 2012.

The meeting began shortly after 1:00 p.m.

Present were: Nasser Behnegar, Patrick Byrne, Clare Dunsford, Judith Gordon, Arthur Madigan, Suzanne Matson, Patrick McQuillan, Marc Muskavitch [substituting for Laura Hake], Catherine Read, and James Weiss.

The minutes of our meeting of December 5, 2011 were approved.

Pursuant to discussion in our meeting of December 5, 2011, we agreed to add a sentence to item d. in the cover page for the learning goals of core courses generally, as follows:

d. Students will show a grasp of how the principal disciplines organize knowledge, how they are related to each other, and how different disciplines bring distinctive perspectives to bear on the same issues or problems. [New sentence] Students will show an awareness of the strengths and limitations of the various disciplines.

The greater part of the meeting was concerned with discussion in preparation for the lunch meeting on Wednesday, February 8 with assessment expert Dr. Barbara Walvoord. We agreed that we hoped to address the following concerns in that meeting. (1) Dr. Walvoord's reaction to the UCDC's E1A form for oversight of the departments' assessment of their core courses. Dr. Walvoord's reaction to the cover pages developed for the learning outcomes for core courses generally and for the specific core requirements. (3) How committees at other universities with similar mandates have approached their tasks. (4) The pace at which the UCDC could reasonably expect to carry out assessment of core outcomes.

The colleagues present at the end of the meeting agreed on the following dates and times for future meetings: Monday, February 13, 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday, March 13, 2:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 10, 9:00 a.m.; and Monday, April 30, 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at about 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Arthur Madigan, S.J.