

Minutes from the 27 August 2008 meeting of the Core Curriculum Council.

Those in attendance included: Director Mark Krahlung, Paul Parkison, Jim Bandoli, Blaine Gooch, Dane Partridge, Carrie Wright, Brian Posler, and Julie McCullough.

Absent: Susanna Hoeness-Krupsaw and Stephanie Bennett.

Meeting began: 10 am

Minutes:

Last meeting minutes approved.

Proposed Meeting Times:

Optional possible meeting times of Core Council discussed were Thursdays 8-9:30 am or Friday 3-4:30 pm.

Dates for Hospitality Days:

Handout went out to sign up for core curriculum presentations during Southern Hospitality days. Council members turned in their priority dates for presenting. Mark will let the Council know on what date each member will be presenting.

Student Worker:

Mark is in need of a student worker to assist with core issues this year.

Core Curriculum Supported Speakers:

Several speakers/presenters will be on campus this semester representing various aspects of the core. Mark would like to meet with staff at News and Information Services to develop a poster advertising the speakers. It was suggested that readings from Alan Lightman could be included in English classes, the Living-Learning Communities, faculty/staff book clubs and science classes before he arrives on campus.

State Articulation Committee:

Mark has been asked to sit on the State of Indiana articulation committee. Bill Henderson will be retiring.

Course Review:

On September 21st petitions and curriculum maps are due to the core for renewal of core courses according to the 2008-2009 course review schedule. A team of 3 core council members will review a set of petitions. Returning council members will chair the teams. Petitions will be on the O: drive to review.

Biology 121 & 122:

Mark will initiate discussion with Biology chair to convene a group to look at these courses for continuance in the core.

New Course Petitions:

Mark received a petition from Dental Hygiene for a synthesis course. Council will discuss at a future meeting.

Core Booklets:

Core booklets were handed out to Council members. Some discussion on whether the information could be placed into the student planners provided to Freshman, and in notebooks being developed by Carmen Stoen.

Speaker Series 2009-2010:

A liberal arts theme was suggested and Ken Johnson will take the lead on finding a speaker for next year.

Institutional Research (IR) Data for Core Council:

One observation is that it appears there are less course offerings through “USI-Nearby”. What data do we have about why this is so? Also, council would like more information about the number of students and specific core courses students are taking from other institutions.

IR and Assessment Day:

Assessment day will be done differently this year with only about ½ of the students completing the academic profile. The other ½ will be assessed in other specific areas of the core.

Spring Retreat of Council:

Suggested at the retreat this year to explore the data that shows weaknesses and strengths of the core. Director of Core Assessment, Paul Parkinson, can help with the retreat.

Math Prerequisites:

Kathy Rodgers will be collecting information to report on prerequisites in math for the Council.

Next meeting:

Paul Parkinson will provide an update on core assessment at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meetings:

September 19 th	3pm-4:30pm
October 17 th	3pm-4:30pm
November 21 st	3pm-4:30pm
December 12 th	3pm-4:30pm

Will try and get UC 206 for the room.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie McCullough