

Proposal on FYS Model
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The amendment to the Core Document passed in April 2007 changed our First Year Seminar from a “single course” model to the current version involving a single broad theme implemented through 5 separate faculty learning communities. That amendment required that Faculty Council evaluate the FYS this semester and report its findings to the Faculty, who will vote on whether to continue FYS in this learning community based format or to revert to the previous model. The report of the ad hoc Committee to Evaluate the FYS is located at <http://www.jcu.edu/fc/Reports/FYSFinalReport3-22-10.pdf>. That report references a survey of JCU faculty, located at <http://www.jcu.edu/fc/Reports/FYSSurveyResultsFall2009.pdf>, and refers to a summary of data from surveys of Fall 2009 FYS students. The student data were not available at the time the report was filed, but have since been compiled and are available at <http://www.jcu.edu/fc/Reports/fy2009evaldata/FYS%202009%20Evaluation%20Data.htm>.

The proposal mandated by the Core Document is:

We propose to continue First Year Seminar in the current learning community-based format.