

Integrative Core Committee Minutes
Monday, August 30, 2021 2:00-3:15 p.m.

John Carroll University Integrative Core Committee:

Voting Members

Peter Kvidera, Director (EN)
Mike Setter, Natural Science (CH)
Sean Chaplin, Issues in Social Justice (SOC)
Matt Berg, Engaging the Global Community (HS)
Kristen Tobey, Theology & Religious Studies (TRS)
Karen Gygli, Creative & Performing Arts (EN)
Tom Pace, Writing & Written Expression (EN)
Santa Casciani, languages (CMLC)
Andy Welki, Quantitative Analysis (EC)
(also BSOB representative)
Colin Swearingen, Social Sciences (PO)

Maurice Emelu, Humanities (COM)
Simon Fitzpatrick, Philosophy (PL)
Jean Feerick, Link Courses (EN)
Jackie Schmidt, Oral Presentation (COM)

Ex Officio Members:

Todd Bruce, Director of Assessment
Bonnie Gunzenhauser, CAS Dean
Rodney Hessinger, CAS Interim Associate Dean
Mike. Martin, CAS Associate Dean
Michelle Millet, Director, Grasselli Library
Nevin Mayer, Coordinator of Instruction, Grasselli Library
Michelle Reynard, Registrar
Carlo DeMarchi, Asst. Dean, Academic Advising

Voting Members Present P. Kvidera, K. Gygli, K. Tobey, M. Berg, M. Setter, C. Swearingen, S. Fitzpatrick, J. Feerick, S. Chaplin, S.Casciani, A. Welki, M. Emelu, T. Pace, J.Schmidt **Ex Officio Members Present:** C. DeMarchi, R.Hessinger, T.Bruce , M.Reynard, B. Gunzenhauser

Documents distributed prior to the meeting:

A. Agenda

1. Welcome

P.Kvidera welcomed the committee and introductions of new members were made.

2. Looking Ahead to the Fall Semester

R. Hessinger wants the committee to put two items on their agenda for fall semester:

1 – FY Writing Experience – updated proposal will be sent out shortly. This proposal has the support of the English Department. FY students in their first semester would have a writing sequence course taught by FT faculty in the student’s major department; in second semester, the students would have a core course with a writing focus, taught by FT faculty.

2 – Discuss what realistic caps are for Core Courses

3. Dean’s Welcome:

B. Gunzenhauser joined the core committee and thanked them for the work that they have done and the work they will be undertaking this academic year. She acknowledged that the faculty are under pressure this year and there is a push on enrollment in classes. She indicated that she is working with M. Scanlon on department websites and CAS publicity to push out to prospective students. They are also working on accumulating data from students on how the core has helped shaped their academic experience, and pushing out a message that the core is more than a checklist. Committee members would like the faculty to be kept up to date on the language that Marketing and Admissions may be using; concern is having the same understanding of the language/slogans being used.

4. Renewals:

Reviewing Core renewal courses will be a major focus of the fall semester. There was conversation about the renewal application in OnBase and whether it was up to date. P.Kvidera and K.Schwabl will meet with J.Kohan about OnBase applications. The core director indicated that there are thirty five core courses up for renewal. Email reminders will be sent to those instructors.

The core director also commented on the core budget. Realistically there is no core budget. Any course enrichment grants or course development grants came funneled up from the Dean's office. Those funds may be reduced this year. He indicated that the committee will look at all requests that come in, but realistically may not be able to fund as much as in previous years.

Another focus will be the recruitment for new core courses, specifically linked courses. The committee talked holding a "speed dating" session among departments and their faculty. Other ideas may be to publically recognizing faculty that have taught linked courses for an "x" amount of time (i.e. plaque, etc.) The Dean mentioned that the Elliance presentation identified disciplines that may work together and those may produce linked pairs.

5. EGC

Another area of focus will be EGC/Study Abroad. Will working with partner schools abroad to come up with JCU approved core course be appropriate? The director would like the committee to look at this and come up with a way for students to appropriately earn EGC credit while studying abroad.

Meeting ended at 3:10pm.