# Core Curriculum Committee Faculty Senate Report 2022-2023

Meeting Dates: August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 28, July 5 (10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)

Meeting Times: 1:00-3:00 p.m. – online

Business
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COHFA
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Library
Honors
Science
Science
Heath and Human Performance
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#### **Core Curriculum Committee Membership:**

#### **Ex Officio Members**

Teresa Burns	Provost Office
Frankie Weeks	Director of Academic Advising
Brett Simpson (nonvoting)	Director, Core Curriculum
Sara Hottinger (nonvoting)	Honors

# Core Curriculum Committee Charge From Faculty Handbook:

This committee oversees and makes recommendations regarding all aspects of the core curriculum, including implementation, modification, and assessment. The committee's recommendations regarding modifications to core curriculum requirements are forwarded to the

Academic Affairs Committee for approval prior to requesting senate action. The committee reviews and makes recommendations on all student petitions regarding the core curriculum. The director of the Core Curriculum is responsible, in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Research and the Core Curriculum Committee, for ensuring effective ongoing development, implementation, and assessment of the Core Curriculum. The director of the Core Curriculum recommendations to the University-wide Assessment Committee.

#### **Continuous Review Process for Core Curriculum:**

- Student Petitions for Exceptions, Exemptions, or Substitutions of the Core Curriculum
  - Core Petitions through Committee 116
    - 102 Approved
    - 14 Not approved
  - Blanket Petitions (prior approval of committee to go directly through Director of the Core Curriculum) - 34
  - Core Substitutions (directly through Director of Core Curriculum) 2
- New Core Course Proposals

Course Name and Number	College	Goal	Decision
WGST 320 - Arts, Activism, & Justice	Wall College of Buisnes	IID	Approved
EDST 201 - Ancient Wordsmithing and Cultural Contexts	Education and Social Sciences	IIC	Approved
EDUC - 215 - Schools and Diversity	Education and Social Sciences	IID	Approved
HFA - 190 - Global Issues, Local Communities	Humanities & Fine Arts	Remove	Approved
HIST - 200 - Introduction to Southern Studies	Humanities & Fine Arts	IIB	Approved
HONR - 302 - Special Topics in Cultural Studies	HTC Honors College	change	Approved
HONR - 304 - Special Topics in Environmental Studies	HTC Honors College	change	Approved
HONR - 305 - Special Topics in Social Justice	HTC Honors College	change	Approved
HONR - 307 - Special Topics in the Arts	HTC Honors College	change	Approved
INTEL - 250 - Introduction to Security Studies	Humanities & Fine Arts	IA	Approved
PHIL - 106 - World Philosophy	Humanities & Fine Arts	IIC	
RELG - 205 - Introduction to Abrahamic Religions	Humanities & Fine Arts	IIC	Approved
THEA - 102 - Dance Appreciation	Humanities & Fine Arts	IID	Rejected
EDST - 202 - Conflict and Conflict Resolution for Young Adults	Education and Social	IIB	Approved

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• Approved Core Curriculum Committee Calendar Dates:

Core Curriculum Committee Due Dates AY 2023-2024				
AY 2023-2024 Meeting Time 1pm-3pm, July Meeting 10am-12pm				
Meeting Date	Core Petitions Due to Provost or Online	Course Proposals Due		
8/18/2023	8/4/2023	8/11/2023		
9/15/2023	9/1/2023	9/8/2023		
10/20/2023	10/6/2023	10/13/2023		
11/17/2023	11/3/2023	11/10/2023		
12/15/2023	12/1/2023	12/8/2023		
1/19/2024	1/5/2024	1/12/2024		
2/16/2024	2/2/2024	2/9/2024		
3/15/2024	3/1/2024	3/8/2024		
4/26/2024	4/12/2024	4/19/2024		
М	ay (5/10/2024 as neede	ed)		
	June (No Meeting)			
7/3/2024	6/19/2024	6/26/2024		
Final Date for Fall Core Petitions to Provost 12/1/2023				
Final Date for Spri Pro	4/12/2024			
Final Date for Summer for Petitions to Provost		6/19/2024		
Assessment Plans AY 22/23		3/1/2024		
Assessment R	6/31/2024			

# Core Curriculum Assessment and Recertification:

- Core Curriculum Assessment communication continues to be an issue that the committee continues to discuss. Departments are missing core assessments due to lack of collecting data as well as reporting partially due to communication issues from various sources.
  - o Director of Core Curriculum indicated that the necessary information

for core assessment each year would be communicated to necessary departments through chairs and core assessment representatives with the expectation that departments would then communicate to the necessary people within the department.

- People were directed to the Moodle resource site Core Petitions and Assessment for a direct source of information.
- Core Curriculum Assessment Data Reporting by Core Goal in CampusLab
  - IC Communication Across Cultures
  - o IIB Human and Social Behavior
- Review of Core Professional Development Grants
  - Provided advise and feedback on the call for funding of the newly developed Core Professional Development Grants. A subcommittee of one member from every college aided in the review of appliactions submitted and provided recommendations to the Associate Provost to make final funding decisions.
- Committee's review of Core Curriculum Assessment Plans and Recertification
  - o Protocols for review of recertification was discussed
  - Core Goal IA and IID course recertifications reviewed and approved
  - $\circ$   $\;$  Discussion of determining a specific rubric and exemplars for the process
  - Director assigned plans and recertification worksheets to the committee members for review.
  - Members provided an assessment of assigned plans and worksheets to the committee for approval.
- Committee reviewed and provided feedback and recommendation on the selection of a new Director of Core Curriculum to the Associate Provost.

# **Core Curriculum Action Items:**

- Blanket Substitution Approved Requests
  - Approval of a blanket petition to ECON\*202 Microeconomics to fulfill Core Goal IA Critical Thinking and Reasoning for the catalog years 2017 and later.
  - Approval of a blanket petition for THEA\*495A (Theatre Internship) or THEA\*495B (Theatre Internship), when taken as 15 credits that include one semester of Italian I and one semester of Italian II at the Accademia dell'Arte in Italy, will meet expectations of Core Goal IC Communication Across Culture..
    - need to take both Italian I and Italian II to meet this goal
    - Once the student has completed the coursework, they will need to work with their advisor to submit a Course Substitution form to the

Director of Core Curriculum for review and a signature.

- Approved the continued generation of a recommendation list for transfer courses that would automatically meet a Core Goal
  - IF previously approved by the Core Curriculum Committee through an Exception to the Core petition
  - Courses only approved for 4 years after the petition approval to follow same recertification timeline for CCU courses
  - o Not sure if this process has been implemented by the registrar
- 2022-2023 Core Curriculum Committee Election
  - o Chair: Heather Heagan
  - – Note Taker: Key Middleton
  - Assistant Note Taker: TBD

Respectfully Submitted

Drew Budner & Heather Heagan Chairs Core Curriculum Committee 2022/23