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Tuesday, August 13, 2019 VH room 219 9am 12pm

Attendees: Judy Geczi, Jordan Glassman, Gary Barker, Steve Sanchez, Bill Rehg, Jennifer Rust, Kelly Lovejoy, Ness Sandoval, Ellen Carnaghan, Michael Swartwout, Kyle Crews, Peggy Dotson, Louise Neiman, Laura Rettig

The UUCC discussed one-page component drafts for elements of the working core proposal.

First Year Seminar Core Requirement (draft)

Discussion of "The Good Life" and exactly what that thematic layer is accomplishing / how to define it in the description more clearly with examples. One UUCC member asked: is this title / theme up for debate?

Discussion of one-page doc format: "Requirement Summary Description" category/box is redundant and we should get rid of it / put any non-redundant info currently there into either description / course learning outcomes / essential criteria.

Discussed there needs to be clarity of the level of depth for each course. Then mapping can be done and identify where is SLO 1 introduced, developed and achieved.

Discussed if it should be noted when the class is taken? Pre-reg box?

Discussed if the word "catalog" should be used or just "Course Description?"

Need to call our possibility that this course could have added to it as a lab: "Cura Personalis #1" Should SLO 4 really be here? Determination: No. Pull it out.

Cura Personalis #1 Core Requirement (draft)

Course description is repetitive and needs to more explicitly call out the Jesuit intellectual tradition.

Need to call out possibility that course can be linked to FYS in the notes.

This has a pre- or co-requisite of the FYS

Leave out the descriptive language about which cultural resources in and outside SLU: make requirement just to get students connected to university / city and its resources—and get them off campus.

Cura Personalis #2 Self in Contemplation Core Requirement (draft)

Question: is there a common understanding in the UUCC of what we mean by our references across all of our documents to the Ignatian tradition, Jesuit Tradition, Ignatian Pedagogy? Would a glossary/definition page in our core proposal be beneficial? The Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm is very different than the Jesuit Intellectual Tradition. This document states "Ignatian Tradition"—is it referring to the first or second thing? Ignatian discernment is precise. Discussed if the faculty would have to go through a development phase for curriculum training? Discussed this needs a definition of modules stating it could be offered in a variety of formats. List Expansions in notes defining options.

Cura Personalis #3 Career Preparedness Core Requirement (draft)

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Discussed if handled in major it's still a course. Parks does in 2, 4, 6 credit hour Capstone. Logistically, Parks could split this part off into one credit hour of that larger Capstone sequence. Discussed students can produce writing artifacts inside a course—this relates to how we write the course outcomes and how well they will dovetail with existing program capstones on campus that are not currently requiring students to do this core/major reflection and writing/oral presentation work

Discussed that, given the emphasis here on written and oral communication, whether this requirement should have these core pre-requisites: FYS, EP 1,2 and CP 1,2. How would transfers be handled? [answer here depends on what transfer sub-committeee determines—but could say that they've done all of these either at SLU or, where allowed, via transfer credit]

<u>Ultimate Questions: Theological and Philosophical Inquiry Requirement</u>

Central question was whether "Ultimate Questions," in order to be the "achievement level" location for SLO 1 in the core, would need to ask that any course content be explicitly in dialogue with the Catholic, Jesuit tradition (even if focus is on other religious / philosophical traditions). In other words, does the relationship between Catholic / Jesuit and non-Catholic traditions need to be part of the course?

The room answered, YES, because of the SLOs.

Science and Technology Ways of Thinking Requirement

Discussed there needs to be distinction to differentiate so that a Quantitative Reasoning course would not count here. Is the language robust enough to explain to faculty why this won't work? Determined there needs to be a clear definition on the sciences and which departments fulfill the requirement? Health Sciences from Doisy "isn't there yet".

Discussion of including an illustrative list of the kinds of disciplines that would fit here—might help out—using the "Aesthetic and Historical" one-page description as a model.

UUCC member asked, "what is a scientific perspective and

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Discussed ways of thinking is not just disciplines. It could be directed to Social Science but some more behavioral as well. Again, use the "Ways of Thinking" language here.

Discussed the description under the second bullet point needs to be changed. Social and Behavioral isn't defined and not clear.

Discussed if we are asking students to engage of breadth of topics or engage with topics? Should it read seek to explore and to understand social and behavioral phenomenon in our world?

SLO 5 Requirement (Diverse Identities in Context?)

Overarching concern here is about use of word "communication" in the description of this attribute. The last sentence in the SLO description says "students will be able to examine values