

Integrative Core Committee Minutes
Monday, October 08, 2018 2:00-3:15 p.m.

John Carroll University Integrative Core Committee:

Voting Members

Brent Brossmann, Director (CO)
Chrystal Bruce, Natural Science (CH)
Gloria Vaquera, Issues in Social Justice (SC)
Andreas Sobisch, Engaging the Global Community (PO)
Sheila E. McGinn, Theology & Religious Studies (TRS)
Karen Gygli, Creative & Performing Arts (CO)
Tom Pace, Writing & Written Expression (EN)
Gwen Compton-Engle, Humanities (CMLC)
Andy Welki, Quantitative Analysis (EC)
(also BSOB representative)
Rich Clark, Social Sciences (SC)
Maria Marsilli, History (HS)

Tamba Nlandu, Philosophy (PL)
John McBratney, Link Courses (EN)

Ex Officio Members:

Todd Bruce, Director of Assessment
Margaret Farrar, CAS Dean
Rodney Hessinger, CAS Associate Dean
Graciela Lacueva, CAS Associate Dean
Pam Mason, CAS Associate Dean
Michelle Millet, Director, Grasselli Library
Nevin Mayer, Coordinator of Instruction, Grasselli Library
Michelle Reynard, Registrar
Maryclaire Moroney, Asst. Provost for Academic Advising
Catherine Sherman, Asst. Dean, Academic Advising
Carlo DeMarchi, Asst. Dean, Academic Advising

Voting Members Present T. Nlandu, G. Compton-Engle, A. Sobisch, C. Bruce, J. McBratney, K. Gygli, B. Brossmann, K. Tobey (for S. McGinn) T. Pace, M. Marsilli, G. Vaquera **Ex Officio Members Present:** C. DeMarchi, T. Bruce, C. Sherman, R. Hessinger, N. Mayer, M. Reynard

Documents distributed at the meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. Meeting Minutes from 9/24/18
- C. Signature Assignment for EN 276
- D. Integrative Core Curriculum Faculty Guidelines Summer 2017 in Re: Linked Classes
- E. Proposed Tactics

1. Opening Business:

- Minutes were reviewed from prior meeting; Corrections made; Motion to accept minutes was made, seconded, and passed (8 approve votes) 3 abstention; 0 No's.

2. Update on EN 276

G. Vaquera met with instructor to discuss syllabus and signature assignment. G. Vaquera was pleased with changes the instructor made to the assignment and syllabus. There were some questions the committee still had on the clarity of the learning goals of reality. Do the readings and films that are discussed in the course represent enough reality? G. Vaquera reviewed each of the books and films that the instructor would be using. The thought was it was a good blend of primary and secondary sources. Discussion then turned toward the signature assignment and that it was meeting four learning goals and that it might be a bit of a stretch for the students. T. Pace recommended that the instructor reach out for a bit of friendly advice on the writing portion of the assignment.

It was then noted that the course number for this course has already been used and that it would need to be replaced. B. Brossmann will speak with the instructor about getting a new course number. Committee voted to approve this course for ISJ with the condition that it be renumbered:

Proposal	Vote
ISJ for a newly number EN: Social Justice in Film and Lit	YES – 11 NO – 0 AB – 0

3. Proposed Tactics for Academic Excellence:

The committee reviewed a list of proposed tactics that would be worked on during the 2018-2019 year. The committee agreed with the list. Discussion and clarification was made on the Language Placement tactic. Discussion moved to the tactic Review of Core requirement waver process and what the Dean can do on this according to the Bulletin. The need for conversation and review of this will take place in a later meeting.

4. Linked Class Policy for failure, withdrawal or other options:

Currently policy of the Core for a student who withdraws or fails one of the linked pair of classes is that the student can drop one of the pair but they would have to enroll in another linked option at a different time; they would need permission of instructors. Members of the committee wanted to know how often this situation happens, to which the data is not there. Feeling is that the current policy may need to be cleaned up. Committee members want to make sure that once the policy is set that advisors and students are aware of it. B. Brossmann and C. Sherman will meet to review this policy. Along with this policy, perhaps the petition system might want to be clarified as to what actually can be petitioned and what makes a valid petition. The Core Director is getting numerous petitions that have no merit. M. Reynard indicated that the Registrar's office can help with the gatekeeping of the petitions.

Adjourned 2:45 pm.