

Integrative Core Committee Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2020 2:00-3:15 p.m.

John Carroll University Integrative Core Committee:

Voting Members

Brent Brossmann, Director (CO)
Desmond Kwan, Natural Science (CH)
Ken Eslinger, Issues in Social Justice (SOC)
Andreas Sobisch, Engaging the Global Community (PO)
Kristen Tobey, Theology & Religious Studies (TRS)
Karen Gygli, Creative & Performing Arts (EN)
Tom Pace, Writing & Written Expression (EN)
Gwen Compton-Engle, Humanities (CMLC)
Andy Welki, Quantitative Analysis (EC)
(also BSOB representative)
Rich Clark, Social Sciences (SC)

Marcus Gallo, Humanities (HS)
Simon Fitzpatrick, Philosophy (PL)
John McBratney, Link Courses (EN)

Ex Officio Members:

Todd Bruce, Director of Assessment
Peter Kvidera, Interim CAS Dean
Maria Marsilli, Interim CAS Associate Dean
M. Martin, 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
Carlo DeMarchi, Asst. Dean, Academic Advising

Voting Members Present G. Compton-Engle, J. McBratney, B. Brossmann, T. Pace, A. Welki, K. Eslinger, K. Gygli, K. Tobey, A. Sobisch, M. Gallo, D. Kwan, S. Fitzpatrick **Ex Officio Members Present:** T. Bruce, C. DeMarchi, M. Marsilli, M. Reynard, M. Moroney

Documents distributed prior to the meeting:

- A. Agenda
- B. Letter from C. DeMarchi

1. Opening Business:

Minutes from the December 9, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed (12 approve votes; 0 abstention; 0 No's.).

2. EGC Study Abroad

B. Brossmann received acknowledgement from all 28 students informing them of what's expected from them upon conclusion of their study abroad. A meeting for faculty who teach EGC courses will be held to discuss what works/doesn't work.

3. Transfer Students

There was a transfer student session on January 10. B. Brossmann spoke to the students about a Jesuit school's core. He will write up what he spoke about and will be posted once the committee reviews it.

4. Request for considering additional QA

C. Demarchi is asking the committee to review QA to see if it is represented as much as OP and AW. In the old core, students took three SCI courses. In the new core, they take one SCI course and it is mostly introductory. How do we link QA back to their majors? Discussion among the committee members was perhaps to have departments develop a major specific QA course; would it be a trade off on what is already offered. Is there a staffing challenge for QA courses? Also discussed was whether SCI was having those same challenges. Question was asked if it easy to add new courses to the Core to which it was answered, depends on the major and the department. Two committees to look at the SCI and QA challenges were formed and will meet to reevaluate these challenges. (Each committee will made up of B. Brossmann, A. Welki, C. DeMarchi, A. Sobisch, D. Kwan, M. Moroney)

5. Linked Course Update:

B. Brossmann sent a letter to chairs asking for more linked courses. He also asked chairs what linked courses won't have instructors anymore. Discussion as to if other faculty can teach already created linked pairs. He will be sending out an email about the April 5 deadline to apply for summer course development grants, giving priority to Linked Courses.

In a previous meeting the committee gave B. Brossmann the approval to give final approval to K. Eslinger's ISJ course once some of the committee's suggestions have been incorporated into it. K. Eslinger worked on incorporating these changes and Brent approved the course.

6. Faculty Workshops:

Committee discussed what faculty workshops should be held this semester:

EGC and OP workshop – any concerns, issues and/or recommendations?

EGC: where are they strong and weak?

On Feb. 3 there will be a workshop on relying less on lecture and more on writing

7. Assessments – Maria and Todd will be reviewing on who fulfilled their obligations.

Meeting ended at 2:52 pm.