

Mason Core Committee  
March 25, 2014  
12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Mason Hall, D101

**Attending:** Janette Muir (Chair), Dominique Banville, Melissa Broeckelman-Post, Rick Diecchio, Kim Eby, Becky Ericson, Doug Eyman, Marcy Glover, Stephanie Hazel, Mack Holt, Tamara Maddox, Frank Allen Philpot, Peter Winant

**Out:** Kelly Dunne, Peter Kleine, Mark Uhen, Carol Urban

**Handouts:**

1. Agenda
2. FAQs from Faculty Senate and others

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1. Check in (Welcome Tamara)
2. Review of minutes from previous meeting
3. Debrief Faculty Senate meeting – double-counting
4. Capstone – next steps  
FAQs review
5. Course reviews  
PHYS 106, SOCI 352
6. New Business  
Ethics component – connected to IT  
Global Experience  
Pathways  
Next Meeting: **April 8, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m., Mason Hall D101**

Check In (Welcome Tamara)

- Janette welcome our newest member, Tamara Maddox, who will be replacing Roger Paden.

FAQs & Capstone

- Handout #2 is a compilation of questions that Janette has received regarding the change in the requirement. As part of our process to gain approval for the change from synthesis to capstone these questions will need to be addressed. In addition the guidance portion of the proposal will need to be re-written in response to these questions (this section is where a significant portion of the questions come from).
- There is a great deal of confusion on who owns capstone courses based on the proposal; the department or the Mason Core committee? We need to more clearly explain that while the MCC is setting the requirement, departments are free to implement as they see fit.
- Does the capstone reflect the Mason Core at all or just the major? How does the Mason Core connect to the major?
- The MCC recommends that students have a minimum of 85 credit hours completed, the class be no more than 35 students and double counting with the writing intensive requirement is allowed.

Pathways

- The question was raised, if you complete a pathway, do you still need a capstone course; is completing the pathway sufficient to waive the capstone? Can you do a synthesis course as part of the pathway, thereby waiving the capstone requirement?

- Capstone is transitioning away from a Mason Core requirement to a major requirement, which is where much of the confusion is coming from. If it is a major requirement, why are we telling them how to implement it?

SOCI 352 – Social and Behavioral Sciences - **APPROVED**

No discussion was necessary.

PHYS 106 – Natural Science, non lab – **APPROVED**

No discussion was necessary.