

Mason Core Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 8, 2015 – 11:00 – 12:30 PM

Attendees: Janette Muir, Tarra Morgan (for Marcy Glover), Cheryl Druehl, Dominique Banville, Melissa Broeckelman-Post, Douglas Eyman, Matt Scherer, Carol Urban

Meeting Commenced at 11:03 am

#### General Discussion Inquiries

- Janette discussed the importance of completing the Evaluation Survey of the President
- Janette discussed the big search initiative for Vacant Positions at the senior level such as Reporting and Assessment and the Vice Provost for Digital Innovation and Learning
- Discussion on the new Website launch and the impact on particular units such as CHSS

#### Approval and discussion of Mason Core Courses

##### 1) **Global Health Course - Stress**

- Presentation of proposal and syllabus is beautifully formatted/laid out. Curriculum map is great.
- Does not meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> learning objective well.
- Committee likes the course, but has great concern about course being focused on the individual. Lacks broader level of impact such as the behavioral and social impact.
- Disconnection between assignments and the course description.
- Even the textbook is focused on the individual; a list of external readings would be helpful.

**ACTION:** Defer. Will invite faculty member to resubmit with revisions

#### Discussion on Global Understanding and Global Experience

- Should Global Understanding Core change as a 3-credit course requirement?
  - Are the classes currently listed under Global Understanding actually Global understanding?
- The President has a Global Experience initiation. Is there a way to revamp the Global

Understanding requirement into “Global Experience”? If so, what would this look like as a core requirement?

**ACTION:** Committee members are to think about meaning of Global Understanding and Global Experience.

#### Discussion on Encore Series

-Janette briefly introduced/discussed the new Encore Series, which currently has a focus in Well-Being as well as Sustainability. There is capacity for more areas of focus in his series, but would need support from an established center such as the Center for the Advancement of Well-being and the Office of Sustainability.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm