**Mason Core Meeting**

**December 10, 2020**

**1:00-2:30pm (Zoom)**

**In attendance:** Melissa Broeckelman-Post (co-chair), Krista Shires (recording secretary), Lorelai Crerar, Jane Hooper, Moses Hunsacker, Beth Johnson, Jason Kinser, Laura Poms, Shelley Reid, Mara Schoeny, Sheena Serslev, Ben Steger, JP Singh, Deb Stroiney, Courtney Wooten, Shun Ye

**Guests:** Quentin Alexander, Sarah Squire Don Starr, John Turner

1. Proposals:

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| Category | Title |
| IT and Computing | [AVT 110: Digital Design Studio](https://workingcatalog.gmu.edu/courseleaf/courseleaf.cgi?page=/courseadmin/16584/index.html&step=showfullrecord) VOTE: APPROVED (8:2:0:0) |
| Literature | [RELI 271: The Bible as Literature](https://workingcatalog.gmu.edu/courseleaf/courseleaf.cgi?page=/courseadmin/16880/index.html&step=showfullrecord) VOTE: APPROVED (12:0:0:0) |
| SBS | [SOCW 200: Introduction to Social Work](https://workingcatalog.gmu.edu/courseleaf/courseleaf.cgi?page=/courseadmin/14067/index.html&step=showfullrecord) VOTE: APPROVED (10:2:0:0) |

Proposals and pre-meeting feedback were discussed with the proposers from each department. Feedback from the pre-meeting survey will be sent to each unit; however, each proposal was approved.

1. Committee Charge (Review)

The committee discussed and reviewed the existing committee charge and made edits as requested by the operations committee which will report to the Faculty Senate:

1. A. The Committee will work in cooperation with the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education on all matters concerning the Mason Core (formerly general education).
2. Review and revise, as necessary, the overall structure and outcomes of the Mason Core
3. B. For all foundation, core, and synthesis and/or capstone experience Mason Core requirements, the Committee will approve courses to fulfill these requirements.
4. The Committee will develop procedures for assessing and recertifying course that carries a Mason Core attribute.
5. the measurement of "satisfactory skills in oral and written presentations" for the synthesis and/or capstone experience requirement, and work with the Office of the Provost to develop procedures for the demonstration of these skills.
6. C. The Committee will approve and monitor, through periodic review, the proficiency examinations related to the Mason Core requirements, the competency tests, and any other alternatives proposed to fulfill the requirements.
7. D. The Committee will maintain a file of all proficiency examinations and will approve policies related to their administration.
8. Review and approve assessments used for test-out procedures.
9. E. The Committee will confer with the Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Policies when changes to Mason Core requirements impact the entire university and/or would be a change to the university catalog.
10. F. The Committee will provide an annual report to the Faculty Senate. The report shall include a) The courses approved for inclusion in or removed from the Mason Core,and b) Changes in the criteria for the Mason Core. More frequent reports to the Faculty Senate might take place as adjustments to the Mason Core program may warrant.