

Mason Core Meeting

Thursday, February 16, 2023 from 1:30-3:00pm

In Attendance: Laura Poms – Mason Core Director, Deb Stroiney – Mason Core co-chair, Abena Aidoo, Samaine Lockwood, Lauren Cattaneo, Jason Kinser, Liz White, Shun Ye, Gina Polychronopoulos (ex officio), Nishok Chitvel (student rep), Krista Shires (recording secretary), Tricia Wilson (recording secretary)

Guests: Liz Bartles, Tom Polk, Laina Lockett

Welcome

Announcements

- Meeting management

Old Business

- Culminating experience timeline
 - The Mason Core Leadership Team shared the timeline for approval for a new name for Capstone/Synthesis
- Culminating experience name
 - The Mason Core Director visited the student body to get input on names to replace Capstone/Synthesis. Selected names were shared with the committee who then voted on the names. The final/top 6 names were then brought forward for a vote. **VOTE:** Mason Apex
 - The final selection will be presented to students and faculty before being brought to Faculty Senate for final approval. This will include visits to individual units by Mason Core members to ensure faculty feedback is appropriately recorded. The committee was asked to sign up for presentations to the individual units and a presentation was shared with members to assist them with outreach.
- [Professional development workshops](#) are now available for those interested in creating and proposing Just Society and Global Context courses. Workshops will be held on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, February 21 (3:00 PM to 5:00 PM)
 - Thursday, March 9 (1:30 PM to 3:30 PM)
 - Friday, March 31 (11:00 AM to 1:00 PM)
 - Tuesday, May 9 (12:00 PM to 2:00 PM)

New Business

- Potential working session March 2 for Faculty Senate Executive Committees
- Revised Mason Core charge for Faculty Senate

- The Mason Core Charge will need to be updated to reflect our new director and the addition of Writing Intensive courses to Mason Core approvals. The WAC-C charge needs to be approved first, and then the Mason Core charge will be available for review at the next meeting.