**Mason Core Meeting 02/26/18**

**1:00-2:30pm Merten 1202**

**Announcements:** “Collaborate” is now available through Blackboard for those who cannot attend the

meetings in person! (In-person meetings are still a requirement of committee

membership. This is a solution for illness, unexpected scheduling conflicts, etc).

**Mason Core Course Assessment activity**:

Stephanie Foster reviewed guidelines for reviewing syllabi from Western Civilization and World History Courses. Instructions were given as well as homework, which can be found on Blackboard under Assessment. Below is a schedule of activities related to assessment:

* Feb 26 meeting: Discuss assessment and give instructions for “homework” (15 minutes) “Homework” is due by 8:00 am March 19
* March 19 Take one full meeting to do norming session (homework is due by 8:00 am this day); courses are assigned to members
* April 9: All reviews are due (using online form) April 16: Results presentation to Committee and discussion (30 minutes)

**Proposals:**

LING 480: Approved

CONS 496: Approved

**Discussion**: General Education and the Mason Core (current strengths and weaknesses). A discussion ensued and will be continued at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**: Monday, March 19 1:00-2:30pm Merten 1202

* Discussion: INTS courses that are regularly substituted for Mason Core courses
* Guest: Brian Gibson from GEO to discuss short-term study abroad courses