Mason Core Committee Agenda

April 29, 2021

1:00-2:30pm

In attendance: Bethany Usher, Melissa Broeckelman-Post, Lorelei Crear, Beth Johnson, Jane Hooper, Moses Hunsaker, Jason Kinser, Laura Poms, Sheena Serslev, Ben Steger, J.P. Singh, Courtney Wooten, Shun Ye

Guests: Matt Hanks, Lauren Cattaneo, Sara Mitcho, Crystal Anderson, Misty Krell, Sarah Squire, Tehama Lopez-Bunyasi

1:00- 1:20: Review Proposals

Literature INTS 363: Social Justice Narratives

GLOA 492: Honors Research Project in Global

Capstone Affairs

Feedback from the committee:

INTS 363: This seems like a great class, but without enough information on the assignments it is difficult to determine if the course meets the learning outcomes for the Literature category.

GLOA 492: Approved as is

1:20-1:40: Review and affirm on capstone/synthesis outcomes:

The committee reviewed and affirmed the Capstone/Synthesis outcomes that were reviewed and discussed at the previous Mason Core meeting via a shared google doc. These will help guide those on the committee that will attend the summer AACU Institute for General Education.

1:40-2:30: Discuss ARIE curriculum recommendations (guests: Lauren Cattaneo and Tehama Lopez Bunyasi):

Tehama Lopez Bunyasi and Lauren Cattaneo addressed the committee and put forth suggestions on how to implement the ARIE initiative by both having the UNIV 381 course as a part of the Mason Core SBS/GU outcomes, and add courses that build upon it. In addition, they discussed

the idea of having a required course. Dr. Cattaneo also shared a presentation that gave the history of "Foundations for Building a Just Society" which is now UNIV 381. Comments from students taking the pilot version of the course were shared with the committee. Multiple sections of this course will be taught in the fall. Finally, a second presentation outlined what the required course might look like. Suggestions included the UNIV place-holder course being moved to college ownership. Discussion ensued.

Items for Next Year: Welcome to Matt Hanks, student representative. Meetings will be held in a similar, online, fashion of the 2020-2021 year. Meetings will generally be held on Thursdays, at the 1:00-2:30pm timeframe. There will be ~5 meetings each semester. As usual, the first meeting of the academic year will take place in September after the Faculty Senate meets.