**Mason Core Committee Meeting**

**September 16, 2021**

**Zoom**

**In attendance:** Bethany Usher, Laura Poms, Matt Cronin, Jane Hooper, Moses Hunsaker, Jason Kinser, Gina Polychronopoulos, Shelley Reid, Ben Steger, Deb Stroiney, Anne Verhoeven, Liz White, Courtney Wooten, Shun Ye

**Guests:** Wayne Adams, Tom Polk, Mara Schoeny, Sarah Squire, Sheena Serslev, Kristien Zenkov

Agenda:

* Introductions
  + The committee and guests introduced themselves and shared their interests in being on the Mason Core Committee as well as advice for the upcoming year. Dr. Usher shared a PowerPoint presentation that outlines the basics of the Mason Core.
* Election of the co-chair
  + The Mason Core Committee unanimously voted Laura Poms as co-chair
* Goals for the year
  + - Dr. Usher shared a presentation outlining the goals for the semester which included participation in accreditation review for SACSCOC and the beginning of new assessment cycles. In addition, there are expectations that the committee will be reviewing the Capstone/Synthesis categories, definitions of IT and WC/WH categories, the ARIE course integration (which impacts the GU category) and the QEP
* Mason Core process and annual timeline
  + Dr. Poms shared a presentation that recapped the AAC&U General Education Conference and the proposed changes to the Mason Core, along with suggestions for addressing them, as well as identifying potential challenges
  + Three Task Forces and their charges were shared with the committee. Mason Core Committee members were asked to volunteer to be on each of them.
* Review of two proposals:

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| Literature | SEED 370: Young Adult Literature in Multicultural Settings | Approved |
| Capstone | GCH 466: Physical Activity in Public Health | Approved (need to edit title to match in CIM) 1 abstention |