

## Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

April 14, 2016, 4:15-5:15pm, Diamond 146

Attending: Paul Greenwood, Dave Angelini, Stephanie Taylor, Margaret McFadden, Valerie Dionne, Keith Peterson, Bevin Engman, Julie Millard, Chris Soto (taking notes).

### Summary

The Task Force discussed 1) the history of the Precepts and the current distribution requirements 2) the discussion of planning for our part of the 2016 faculty retreat continued. We can develop groups of questions and/or we could provide some different frameworks or models that the faculty could consider. Should we ask the faculty what learning goals they would like for the distribution requirements? We could also get feedback about what faculty think are missing from the current requirements that should be part of a 21st century education (e.g., study abroad, community work, technological literacy). There are many positive outcomes and many possible models we can imagine. We can't do all of them, so it probably makes sense to get faculty input about the outcomes they most value, and then structure the implementation model around that. We also need to let the faculty know that different schools with a variety of different models can all produce students with good outcomes, which suggests that we have considerable flexibility.

Our homework for the next meeting is: A) What are some questions that each of us would like to have answered by the faculty? And B) What information do we already have that we could provide to the faculty to help structure their answers (so there is a focused response)?