

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

May 5, 2016, 4:15-5:15pm, Marchetti Room, SSWAC

Attending: Paul Greenwood, Margaret McFadden, Chris Soto, Stephanie Taylor, David Angelini, Keith Peterson, Valerie Dionne, Raffael Scheck, Laura Saltz (minute taker)

Summary

We continued discussions on what to provide in advance of the retreat and what specifically to ask as part of the retreat, and whether to provide specific models from different schools, or to seek additional specific academic outcomes from the faculty. We want the faculty to “think big” about the possibilities around this topic and not start with a worry about resources.

The survey is in place, and we will organize the results into particular themes. The results will help inform us about the best direction for the retreat. We also agreed to send the faculty the Cronon article for some context.

We also talked about the actual structure of the retreat and things to think about at the next task force meeting:

- mechanics: two hour-long discussions plus stuff on either side
 - should we ask the same questions in both hours?
 - move people or keep them together?
 - arrange them randomly or not?

Greenwood will send reminder about retreat to faculty along with the Cronon article

Our homework

- think about questions for the actual event
- not advocate for particular models but provide a sense of the scope of options