

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

April 21, 2016, 4:15-5:15pm, Marchetti Room, SSWAC

Attending: Bevin Engman, Chris Soto, Julie Millard, Keith Peterson, Laura Saltz, Lori Kletzer, Paul Greenwood, Raffael Scheck (minute taker)

Summary

We discussed various ideas in connection with the upcoming retreat. What kind of information do we want from faculty? How do we want to integrate the distribution requirement discussion into the schedule of the retreat (Thursday and perhaps dinner on Wednesday night)? We collected several ideas, centering on the question: why should we have distribution requirements? What are the benefits and drawbacks? How could an alternative model function? How do we imagine the result of a Colby education? Discussion repeatedly focused on the larger implications of distribution requirements in contrast to the more limited charge we have as a task force. We are not asked to define college-wide priorities. We returned to the notion that we should think about outcomes and goals first and then tackle questions of implementation (how do we get there?).

Each member of the task force will send their questions and information to Greenwood for collating and resending to the entire task force.