

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

March 15, 2018, 4:00-5:00pm, Eustis 406

Attending: Russ Johnson, Stephanie Taylor, Laura Saltz, Raffael Scheck, Dave Angelini, Chris Soto, Bevin Engman

### Summary

We discussed the responses to the faculty survey. Several people expressed opinions about modes of inquiry (even though the survey didn't explicitly ask about them). Most were supportive, but some were opposed. Many people seemed on board with keeping the language requirement, except the Spanish department had ideas for changing it.

We reviewed recent meetings that small delegations from the task force have held with departments.

The **French and Italian** department seemed supportive of the DRTF work and the current language requirement. They wanted students to have exposure to both language and culture. From other departments, they wanted students to get exposure to diversity and interdisciplinary approaches.

The **Chemistry** department pushed back against the task force, and seemed frustrated with the process. They thought we were pushing ahead with modes of inquiry without stopping to think about the goal of liberal arts. They want us to focus more on assessment. These opinions were expressed by multiple senior members of the department.