

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

September 20, 2018, 1:00-2:00pm, Eustis 406

### **Summary**

New members of the task force Adam Howard, Rob Lester, and Bess Koffman were welcomed.

We did a brief review of the DRTF's work since its founding in the spring of 2016. The task force has gathered information about other schools' requirements, and processes they have used for revision of their requirements. It has consulted extensively with Colby faculty members to get a sense of their views and perspectives on general education requirements. This consultation included a 2017 faculty survey, conversations at the May 2017 faculty retreat, a fall 2018 meeting with chairs and directors, a 2018 faculty survey, and a series of meetings (spring 2018) with departments and programs.

Objectives of the DRTF for 2018-19 are to develop concrete proposal(s) for new general education requirements, bring in visiting speakers, and get faculty input on various aspects of new requirements that we would propose.

To give ourselves some concentrated time to think about how we want to do all of this, we will have a DRTF retreat on Friday 28 September (2-7 pm, with dinner) in Grossman 209.

Some of the topics we can discuss in depth at the retreat are:

Should we have a first year seminar?

Should we change from "Areas" to "Modes of Inquiry"?

What kind of DEI requirement should we have?