

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

December 13, 2018, 10:00-11:00am, Eustis 406

Attending: Russ Johnson, Margaret McFadden, Stephanie Taylor, Rob Lester, Keith Peterson, Bess Koffman, Chris Soto, David Angelini

Summary

We reviewed a number of recent events, including the portfolio workshops (November 29 & 30), the meeting with the Student Government Association (December 2), the forum on the Core Capacities (December 11), and the December faculty meeting.

SGA representatives expressed strong support for continuation of the W1 requirement and for maintaining a diversity requirement (improved from the current one). Their sentiments were mixed about the language requirement. They were curious about the idea of Modes of Inquiry and asked a number of questions about how those would be different from the current Area Distribution requirements.

Now that the two DRTF-sponsored motions (continuation of the DRTF, and use of the draft core capacities as a framework to develop a set of General Education requirements) have been approved by the faculty, we discussed our next steps. We should continue to have check-in points with non-binding faculty votes as we move toward developing a full “package” of requirements. We could follow a similar model to what we did this fall: workshops with the faculty, discussions, then a vote.

The following working groups were formed to move forward with particular aspects of a new set of requirements

- MOI: Stephanie, Rob, Chris
- Portfolios: Dave, Bess, Adam, Carol
- First-year seminar: Keith, Laura
- Core capacities: Chris, Jonathan, Bevin