

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

February 15, 2019, 2:00-3:00pm, Eustis 406

Attending: Russ Johnson, Bess Koffman, Chris Soto, Dave Angelini, Rob Lester, Stephanie Taylor, Laura Saltz

Summary

Plans for the upcoming visit (March 4) from Jefferson Singer were discussed. Jefferson will lead a discussion on general education requirements at the morning Chairs and Directors meeting, will have lunch with the task force, and will lead an open forum in the afternoon.

Continuing the discussion from the previous meeting, we decided to present (at the March faculty meeting) a menu of General Education options for the faculty to discuss and vote on. These options would include our current content-based Area Distribution requirements, Modes of Inquiry, and an “open curriculum” without any area or MOI requirements. We will develop this motion over the next couple of weeks.

The MOI Working Group reported on a recent meeting with leaders from the Dean of the College Office. Some members of the DoC group felt that a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion requirement would be most successful if it were one of the MOIs, equal with the others. Others felt we should not have a specific DEI, but that DEI issues should be prominently included in each of the MOIs.

The Core Capacities Working Group presented a revised draft of the Core Capacities diagram. In this version, Well-being occupies the center circle, while Character is one of the outer circles.

The Portfolios Working group reported on their first meeting. Their goal is that a portfolio would serve as an integrative tool where Colby

students curate evidence of the ways their academic, co-curricular, global, athletic, work, and other experiences impact their growth related to the Colby Core Capacities. They are discussing possible ways that a portfolio requirement might be supported and staffed.