

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

March 1, 2019, 2:00-3:00pm, Eustis 406

Attending: Bevin Engman, Laura Saltz, Russ Johnson, Bess Koffman, Bevin Engman, Carol Hurney, Chris Soto, Margaret McFadden

Summary

Plans for the upcoming visit (March 4) from Jefferson Singer were finalized. At the morning Chairs and Directors meeting Jefferson will speak about Conn College's experience with its first year seminar, Modes of Inquiry requirements, and Integrative Pathways. The lunch with the task force will focus on the process aspects of a review and revision of general education requirements. The open forum in the afternoon will address similar topics as in the department chairs meeting, but will be open to all.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing different possible strategies for presenting our motion at the March faculty meeting. The conclusion was that we will ask for approval to develop a revised set of general education requirements based on a Modes of Inquiry approach. The motion will be accompanied by a listing of the different approaches to general education requirements that we have considered. Each approach will be summarized, with its advantages and disadvantages explained. We will circulate and edit drafts of this motion electronically over the next week, and then finalize the wording at our next meeting (March 15).