

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

April 12, 2019, 2:00-3:00pm, Eustis 406

Attending: Russ Johnson, Rob Lester, Bevin Engman, Laura Saltz, Bess Koffman, Dave Angelini, Stephanie Taylor, Jonathan McCoy, Chris Soto, Carol Hurney

Summary

In the recent faculty elections, Aaron Hanlon was voted in as a new Humanities representative on the task force, Arnout van der Meer was voted in as a new Social Sciences representative, and Bess Koffman and Dave Angelini were elected as the Natural Sciences members. We are still in need of two IDS members and two appointed members for 2019-20.

The meeting was dedicated to preparation for the upcoming April faculty meeting, at which the task force's motion on Modes of Inquiry will come up for a vote. We should provide a brief summary/reminder of the motion (which was introduced at the March faculty meeting), and then go quickly to questions and discussion. Jonathan agreed to provide a three minute introductory statement. He will make it clear that people will be voting to approve the broad philosophical approach of using Modes of Inquiry-based general education requirements. We see this as a combination of updating our formal language to reflect what many of us are already doing, and a push to help move us farther down the road to change.