

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

May 14, 2019, 9:00-11:00am, Eustis 406

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

### **Summary**

Working from a draft retreat agenda circulated before the meeting, we worked out the details of the faculty retreat morning session (on Modes of Inquiry).

Upon arrival, each participant will be provided with a table number, with the assignments done to maximize disciplinary mixing. Each table will have a member of the DRTF to serve as a table facilitator.

We will begin with a plenary session. This will include a short introduction (with slide show) on the history of the DRTF's work, the general idea of Modes of Inquiry, and the specific goals of the retreat. We will then explain the format of the small table discussions and workshops.

The first small table discussion will be based on some sets of Modes of Inquiries from other colleges that people will be provided. Each table will then be asked "What do you find most compelling?" from the MOI requirements, and then "What would you recommend as a set of MOI requirements for Colby?". Tables will be asked to write each of their recommended MOIs on a separate sticky note. To report out from this session, the sticky notes from all the groups will be posted on the front wall of the room, with similar modes grouped together.

For the second round of small table discussions, each "MOI theme" proposed on the front wall will be assigned to a small table (by table

number). Participants will then choose which table to work at, based on their interest. Each small table will be asked to propose a set of “common understandings” for their assigned MOI.

The information provided from all the table discussions will be recorded and used by the DRTF to develop an MOI proposal.