

Task Force on Review of All-College Distribution Requirements

November 8, 2019, 1:00-2:00, Eustis 406

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Summary

The task force discussed the preparation of a report to the faculty, to be presented at the December faculty meeting. The report will summarize the recent work of the task force, including the development of a list of MOIs for use at Colby. These are tentatively named as follows.

- Power and Inequality
- Scientific Inquiry
- Artistic and Creative Practice
- Historical Inquiry
- Critical Interpretation and Analysis
- Quantitative Inquiry

The report will also outline the next steps in the process. A working group will be formed for each of the modes. Each working group will be convened by a member of the task force, and will include faculty members with expertise in that mode and who are likely to teach classes that would fulfill the requirement for that mode. Each working group will develop a more detailed description of its designated mode, together with learning goals that would be included in courses counting toward that MOI.

In presenting the report at the faculty meeting, the task force should be well prepared to explain how it came to choose the six Modes of Inquiry (using the input from the Faculty Retreat), and how they are different from the current Area and Diversity requirements.