

University Curriculum Committee
November 19th, 10-11 a.m.
Cowles Library (2nd Floor Conference Room)

Members Present: Todd Hodgkinson (Chair), Marcia Keyser, Joanna Mosser, Maria Bohorquez, Karen Leroux, Michael Andreski, Bill Boal, Art Sanders (Ex-officio), Chrystal Stanley (CAAD rep).

Minutes approved from October 22nd, 2013.

- Review of General Education Curriculum; summary of open forum (10/30/13)
 - Some people seem to expect a big FIX, but no problem is defined. Todd Hodgkinson notes that the UCC charge is to see if what we have is what we want students to experience.

o Sub-committee reports

1. Subcommittee 1 (Boal, Stanley, Saunders) - reviewed data on current Drake Curriculum. (Full report available separately)

-Perception of the Drake Curriculum is not yet determined.

-It is difficult for first year student to sign up for AOs. They have identified pinch points.

-The question of whether students are fulfilling their AOs within their school is not yet determined, and may not be able to be determined.

2. Subcommittee 2 (Leroux, Sanders, Andreski) Review of Drake Curriculum

-Issue of anecdotal vs research evidence

FYS vs capstone - both positives and negatives.

Potential step: change some AOs attributes into skills, then find another place for them to be taught. (Leroux)

-Different needs for different majors.

- Faculty senate will allow us to propose several models, including tweaking AOs, or holding seats open for first year students.

3. Subcommittee 3 (Bohorquez, Gilbert, Keyser) – researching General Education programs. Ongoing results are at <http://researchguides.drake.edu/ucc>

- Other UCC Committee materials are still on BlueSpace, proposals will go there.

- Attributes of a Distinctive General Education Curriculum:

Hodgkinson - a cohesive program, builds on self, iterative.

Bohorquez - Ferren article was very helpful. Issues such as missions, collaboration, citizenship, liberal arts and professional involvement.

Boal - cautious because diversity and choices define a university. Suggests integration of liberal arts and sciences.

Art Sanders - consider honors track as alternative to AOs. It's open to any student.

- Practical issues, such as finding seats in certain classes.

- Suggestion: Seven survival skills, by Tony Wagner from Harvard.
<http://www.tonywagner.com/7-survival-skills>

- Next Meeting, Tuesday, December 3rd, 10-11 a.m.