

Core Review Committee meeting minutes

Meeting date: January 27, 2017

Meeting time: 10:00 – 11:00 am

Meeting location: Kayak Room

Meeting convener: Andy Seitz

Name	Present
Andy Seitz (chair)	X
Daryl Farmer	X
Alex Hirsch	X
Kevin Sager	X
Margaret Short	X
Larry Duffy	X
Kathy Arndt	X
Tony Rickard	X
Kevin Berry	X
Marsha Sousa	X
Caty Oehring	X
C. Angaiak for G. Russell	X
Ginny Kinne	X
Hayley Williams	X
John Smelter	X
Victoria Smith	X

1. Approved meeting minutes from 7 December 2016
2. Petitions
 - a. Approved:
 - i. Petition to allow BIOL F397 MORE Behavioral Neuroscience Research to fulfill the requirements of a “W” course. The course syllabus demonstrates that the course meets the “W” criteria.
 - ii. Petition to allow BIOL F394 Behavioral Neuroscience Research to fulfill the requirements of a “W” course. The course syllabus demonstrates that the course meets the “W” criteria.
 - b. Withdrawn:
 - i. Petition to have AP Art History that transferred into UAF as ART 261X satisfy a core Perspectives on the Human Condition requirement in the 2012-2013 catalog year. Upon reviewing the petition, it was realized that the AP course could be transferred in as another course that already satisfies a core PHC requirement, so therefore there was no need to further review the petition.
 - c. Information requested:
 - i. Petition to allow COMM F1 elective transfer credit earned for military recruiter/retention NCO training to substitute for COMM F141X. Given the lack

of information about the military communication course (i.e., no syllabus, textbook, etc.), the committee felt that the course content was not similar enough to warrant a substitution for COMM 141X. Therefore, the committee recommends that the student either: 1. Provide more information about the course, or 2. Attempt to “test out” of the COMM F141X requirement.

- d. Denied:
 - i. Petition to transfer BIO 305W Writing in Biology taken at Northern Arizona University as ENGL F314W,O/2. The NAU course was only 1 credit, therefore it should not transfer as ENGL F314, nor should the student receive W and O/2 credit, therefore the petition was denied.
 - ii. Petition to allow LING F602 to fulfill the requirements of an O/2 course. There was no evidence in the syllabus that the course meets the Faculty Senate O/2 criteria, therefore the petition was denied.
- e. Denied, sent to Provost:
 - i. Petition to allow CIOS F116 Business Math using Calculators to satisfy the core math requirement for the B.A. in Rural Development. This petition was denied, as CIOS F116 clearly does not meet the intent, scope or content of a core math requirement. However, the student has several extenuating circumstances and therefore the committee denied the petition, but recommended that the Provost waive the core math requirement.

3. Discussion

- a. Counting regularly scheduled non-X UAF courses as satisfying GER requirements revisited: It was agreed in the December meeting, the Core Review Committee will deny petitions that request to count a regularly scheduled non-X class as satisfying a GER requirement. After passing this information to Curricular Affairs Committee, a member of CAC asked if the Core Review Committee should request to add some language stating this policy on the Undergraduate Petition Form. The Core Review Committee feels that adding language stating that petitions to count a regularly scheduled non-X as satisfying a GER requirement will be denied is a good idea. The Core Review chair and the OAR representative will work on the language that is to be added to the petition and will run it by the entire Core Review Committee for final approval.
- b. After speaking about modifying the Undergraduate Petition Form, it was recommended by a Core Review Committee member that the “approval” box after the advisor’s and department chair’s signatures be changed to “recommended” as approval lies solely with the Core Review Committee, not the advisor or department chairs. The committee members all agreed that this modification be implemented.
- c. How to consider/review petitions from students in older catalog years that request to substitute courses that satisfy the newly created GER arts, humanities and social sciences categories for courses in the old core curriculum Perspectives on Human Condition requirements, or simply request that the new GER satisfies the old PHC, without changing catalog years: The committee agreed that these petitions will be denied as it would set a very far-reaching and unmanageable precedent.
- d. It was mentioned at Curricular Affairs Committee that the Core Review Committee's name should probably change to be more current and include GERs. The Core Review

Committee agrees and requests to change its name to the GER and Core (GERC: the "G" is soft) Committee.

- e. The current chair of the Core Review Committee (Andy Seitz from CFOS) holds the "at-large" seat, which is relatively new to the committee and his appointment expires at the end of Spring 2017. However, the committee bylaws make no specific provision for how this at-large seat is to be refilled. The committee discussed this and it was unanimously agreed to follow the model of the Committee on the Status of Women, which is that the committee gives their members with expiring terms the option to extend their terms, and if a member doesn't want that, then Jayne solicits nominations from the entire UAF faculty and an election is held online.
- f. After speaking about Core Review Committee composition, a member raised the question of whether the committee composition be modified to be more reflective of the newly created GERs. The committee felt that this is a good idea, and this will be discussed at the next Core Review meeting.