

Year-end committee report for Core Review Committee

Date: 10 April 2017 (note that there will be one more meeting held on 27 April 2017)

Chair: Andy Seitz (School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences)

Members:

College of Liberal Arts:

Daryl Farmer, English (18)

Alex Hirsch, Social Sciences (18)

Kevin Sager, Communication (CLA 16)

Vacancy, Humanities

College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics:

Margaret Short, Math (17) - Co-Chair

Lawrence Duffy, Science (18)

Library:

Katherine Arndt, LIB (17)

At-Large:

Andy Seitz, CFOS – Chair (17)

Unit Core Assessment:

Tony Rickard, CNSM

Kevin Berry, SOM

Ex Officio:

Dean's Council Rep: Marsha Sousa

Office of Admissions and Registrar: Caty Oehring, Hayley Williams

Academic Advising Center: Ginny Kinne, John Smelter

Rural Student Services: Gabrielle Russell, Colleen Angaiak

Victoria Smith: Student Support Services

Summary of activities:

As of 4/10/2017, the Core Review Committee met seven times during AY2016-2017. The main activities of the Core Review Committee were reviewing:

1. Petitions to:
 - a. add "W", "O" or "O/2" designators to courses on an individual course basis
 - b. have transfer courses count towards a core/GER requirement (X)
 - c. allow a regularly scheduled non-X UAF course count towards a core/GER requirement
 - d. allow low scores in courses (<C-) and CLEP exams (<50) count toward core/GER requirements
 - e. waive "W", "O" or "O/2" requirement for core
2. Requests to:
 - a. Include a regularly scheduled UAF course in the GER (i.e., add an X designator)
 - b. Drop a W, O, O/2, X course from the catalog
 - c. Compress a regularly scheduled X course
 - d. Change designator of X course (i.e., ENGL to WRTG)

	Type	Approve	Deny	Deny, send to Provost	Withdrawn	Total
Petition	Attach "W", "O" or "O/2" on individual course basis	11	3			14
	Transfer course to count as core requirement (X)	4	2		1	7
	UAF course to count as core requirement (X)		5	1		6
	Allow low scores in courses/CLEP count toward core	5				5
	Waive "W", "O" or "O/2" requirement for core		1			1
Request	List course in baccalaureate core (X)	9			1	10
	Drop W, O, O/2, X course from catalog	3				3
	Course compression of X course	1				1
	Change designator of X course	4				4
		37	11	1	2	51

In addition to reviewing course request and petitions, the committee made the following decisions:

1. Review process:

- a. All petitions (both denied and accepted by advisors, dept. chairs etc.) should come to us for review as part of the student's right to due process.
- b. There is an appeals process for students whose petitions have been denied by the Core Review Committee. The appeals process (<http://www.uaf.edu/files/uafgov/fsact87.html>) is to send an appeal to the Provost via the Office of Admissions and the Registrar. The Core Review Committee recommends to the Provost's staff that if the petition does not come from the Core Review Committee, that the Provost's office obtain background information about the petition.
- c. The department chair of the course that is being petitioned should review petitions. This was discussed after an OAR staff member wondered whether there should be one designated reviewer of petitions for each GER category (i.e., one person for each of social sciences, humanities, and arts), OR, whether the department chair of the course that is being petitioned should review petitions.
- d. The Core Review Committee will deny all petitions seeking to count a regularly scheduled non-X UAF course as satisfying GER requirements. Approval of these potential petitions by the Core Review Committee causes concern by various faculty in other curriculum committees (Curriculum Review Committee and Curricular Affairs Committee) and staff (Office of Admissions and the Registrar) because of the potential ramifications of approving such petitions. The Core Review Committee agrees with this concern because approving such petitions essentially sets a precedent that would effectively change the curriculum at UAF, which is not in the purview of the Core Review Committee. If there is interest in having a non-X UAF course meet the UAF GER, a request for an X designator should be submitted through a formal process that includes review by departmental and college curriculum committees, as well as campus-wide curriculum committee(s).
- e. The Core Review Committee will deny all 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

2. Core Curriculum Review Committee bylaw modifications (see appendix 1)
 - a. The Core Review Committee requests to change its name to the GER and Core (GERC: the "G" is soft) Committee.
 - b. The Core Review Committee requests to change its faculty member composition to reflect the recent change to the GER by adding a seat to represent the "Arts" component area.
 - c. The Core Review Committee requests to add a provision for how the at-large seat is to be refilled. The committee will

the process for assessment of the core curriculum GER, regularly reports on assessment