

# Cardinal Core Curriculum Committee (CCCC) Meeting Minutes 04-12-2024

**Attending:** Farag, Futrell, Hagan, Himes, Lewis, Losavio, Luke, Rudy, Scobee, Shanahan, Shelton, Willey, Wright, Zwerg-Villegas

**Absent:** Baumgartner, Burke, Chao, Crothers, Deep, Olinger, Parker, Partin, Perry, Willenborg

## **Review and Approval of March 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes:**

The March 8, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

**ACTION:** Samuelson will post the minutes to the Cardinal Core website.

## **Subcommittee Updates:**

### **Course Proposal Subcommittee (Wright):**

No new business to report.

### **Diversity Petition Subcommittee (Shanahan):**

They received one military petition for review, and it was sent back to the student for further explanation regarding their experience. They also received one study abroad pre-approval.

### **Assessment Subcommittee (Shanahan):**

This review cycle included Social & Behavioral Sciences and Historical Perspectives (SB/SBH) and Natural Sciences (S/SL/B). The results indicate progress in student performance for both content areas we assessed.

Next years assessments will be Written Communication (WC) and Oral Communication (OC). A session regarding WC practice scoring was already held.

### **Natural Sciences Assessment Report:**

433 student artifacts were assessed.

For critical thinking in the Natural Sciences, the percentage of students scoring at the highest two performance levels of the rubric increased for all four Natural Science rubric measures. There were also fewer "Not Applicable" ratings on all rubric measures.

### **Social & Behavioral Sciences and Historical Perspectives Assessment Report:**

482 student artifacts were assessed. There was an increase in the percentage of work samples scored at the highest two performance levels for critical thinking skills and written communication skills. This was the first time this content area was assessed using the University of Louisville Cardinal Core Diversity Rubric, and results indicate students are not performing as well on applied knowledge and cultural awareness as they are with knowledge of social, historical, and cultural diversity and attitudes/openness.

**ACTION:** The deadline is next Friday (4/19) for Cardinal Core Curriculum Committee members to provide feedback about the assessment reports. Once the reports are finalized, we will share them with the department chairs. We can also send disaggregated results to individual faculty, upon request. In the fall we will hold an open session to talk to the departments about the assessment results.

### **Cardinal Core tutorial handout (Amber Willenborg created some tutorials related to using sources)-Share and Committee Feedback**

To close the loop once assessments are complete, the Assessments Subcommittee is working on providing resources. Willenborg has put together some great tutorials for faculty to plug into their courses related to using sources that will help with our written communication and oral communication outcomes.

**ACTION:** The Assessments Subcommittee would like feedback regarding the tutorials from the Cardinal Core Curriculum Committee members by April 26, 2024 (2 weeks). Once finalized we hope to share these more broadly to chairs and faculty in fall semester.

**Digital Competency Subcommittee (Futrell):**

No new business to report.

**New Initiates/Updates:**

**The Dean of A&S would like to discuss possible changes to the Cardinal Core Course Student Learning Outcomes:**

A&S is asking the CCCC to consider removing the written communication outcome from AH & SB content areas. After committee discussion, it was decided that the CCCC has no interest in changing the outcomes and instead would like to help build and incorporate written communication into the assignments that address the outcomes and overarching competency of the program. Members of the committee felt that emphasis on effective communication within the program is a critical component of our students' development. We will work on building a library on our website that will have sample assignments that meet our outcomes and that can be assessed in A&S larger courses.

**ACTION:** Willey will report our decision back to Dean Touron.

**Next Meeting:**

The next CCCC meeting will be in August 2024.

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