**TO:** Faculty Senate

**FROM:**  Joann Brown, Chair
 University Core Curriculum Oversight Committee

**RE:** Year-End Report

**DATE:** May 20, 2014

During the 2013-2014 academic year, the University Core Curriculum Oversight Committee met eleven times – three meetings in the fall semester and nine meetings in the spring semester.

**Thursday, September 17**

The first meeting of Academic Year 2013-2014 set policies and procedures for the operation of the University Core Curriculum Oversight Committee. Joann Brown was re-elected chair of the UCCOC. Meeting dates and goals were established for the year and the Faculty Senate’s Policies and Procedures Document was approved.

HB 7135 was reviewed that reorganizes the Core Curriculum. A motion from the Steering Committee was discussed that charges the UCCOC with organizing the current Core Curriculum into the new five categories established by HB 1735. A report from the UCCOC is due to the Curriculum Committee by December.

In attendance: All UCCOC members (Tom Leness, Krish Jayachandran, Rich Olson, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown), and Faculty Senate Chair, Delano Gray.

**Thursday, October 15**

Dean Robertson spoke to UCCOC about SB 1720.

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In attendance: UCCOC members (Tom Leness, Krish Jayachandran, Rich Olson, Astrid Arraras , Joann Brown)

**Thursday, November 14**

House Bill 7135 was discussed. Initial ideas were discussed by the committee on how to best receive university feedback and how best to approach the task at hand of realigning the core curriculum to be in compliance with new general education requirements.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Tom Leness, Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, January 14**

Committee prepared draft of how FIU’s core curriculum would look based on the rules related to HB 7135. The premise used by the committee was to keep all existing core curriculum courses in the new core and simply align them with the new categories established by the state.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Tom Leness (phone), Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Liza Merly, Joann Brown)

**Thursday, January 30**

Committee continued work on how FIU’s core curriculum would look based on the rules related to HB 7135.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Tom Leness, Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, February 11**

The committee held an open forum to discuss initial proposal to HB 7135.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, February 25**

The committee held an open forum to discuss initial proposal to HB 7135.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, March 11**

The committee incorporated feedback from open forum into core curriculum document.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, March 25**

The committee examined how Gordon Rule with Writing would be addressed by the new curriculum format. It was decided that Gordon Rule with Writing would be handled in the same manner as Global Learning is handled. Any course in the core curriculum could apply for a GRW designation. No longer would Gordon Rule would reside solely in the Humanities section.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, April 8**

The committee incorporated feedback received for the FIU Faculty Senate. The initial proposal was present to the FS on March 25th.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, April 15**

The committee discussed how best to oversee the process of designating courses as Gordon Rule with Writing (GRW) as it was approved on April 8 by the FIU Senate to give this authority to the UCCOC.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)

**Tuesday, April 22**

The committee drafted rubrics for designating courses as GRW. The existing Global Learning rubrics were used as templates. The categories used for the rubrics were derived from the Gordon Rule Work document passed by the FIU Faculty Senate in December 2005.

In attendance: UCCOC members (Krish Jayachandran, Kenneth Johnson, Tom Leness, Astrid Arraras, Joann Brown)