

APPROVED MAR 26 2014

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To: Lawrence Williams, Chair UC  
From: Simon Bott, Chair, Core Subcommittee  
Re: Report for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014

The committee met *in toto* with Miguel Ramos and Mary Ochoa from Assessment representatives and Heidi Kennedy and Teri Longacre from Academic Affairs. There have also been multiple e-mail and other meetings between smaller groups.

1. The **assessment of the effectiveness** of the core will begin in the Fall 2014 semester as described previously. A DRAFT of a one-page FAQ is attached. UC members should not distribute this, but we would very much appreciate comments.
2. The new process for continued review of courses for the core will begin in the Fall semester. Every course must be reviewed at least every 5 years for continued suitability. Thus, 20% of courses will be reviewed every year. The list of courses to be evaluated next year will be reported at a later meeting.
3. The THECB reviewed the core submission and accepted every course but 10. In addition, there were some courses that were submitted with errors, and some important courses that were not submitted at all.

**a) REJECTED COURSES:**

PHIL 1321 – Logic 1  
KIN 1304 – Public Health Issues in Physical Activity and Obesity  
MUSI 2210: Theory III  
MUSI 2214: Techniques of Music Since 1900  
MUSI 1100: Marching Band  
MUSI 1102: Wind Ensemble  
MUSI 1110: Jazz Orchestra  
MUSI 1120: University Chorus  
MUSI 1121: Concert Chorale  
MUSI 1140: Orchestra

These will be reassessed as soon as possible through the entire process and then resubmitted to the THECB. We would appreciate the UC being willing to conduct electronic votes on these as and when they become available for voting.

**b) COURSES WITH ERRORS**

HDCS 1300: Human Ecosystems & Technological Change. Submitted in wrong category as change not included. No difference in foundational component areas (WID/Comm vs Comm)

ITAL 3305: Italian Culture through Films. Submitted and approved in category that was different from before (VPA vs Humanities).

**c) COURSES THAT WERE APPROVED BUT WERE NOT SUBMITTED:**

ITAL 3308: Italian Heritage

PHYS 1306: Introductory Astronomy - Stellar and Galactic Systems

**d) COURSES THAT WERE LEFT OFF THE LIST:**

MATH 1450 and MATH 1451: Accelerated Calculus. Appeal will be made to include these based on inclusion of 1431 and 1432 (regular calculus)

ENGI 2304 Technical Communications

MATH 1312 Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning

MATH 1313 Finite Mathematics with Application

MATH 1314 Calculus for Business and the Life Sciences

MATH 3311 Functions and Modeling

MATH 3379 Introduction to Higher Geometry

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