

**Core Curriculum Committee Steering Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**November 18, 2011**

The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. in ADM 104. The following committee members attended: Gary Elbow, Chairperson, Danay Phelps, Robert Henry, Sam Dragga, Anthony Qualin, Tess Barlow, Kent Pearce, Lauran Gollahan, Francesca di Poppa, Laura Lowe, Jennifer Hughes, Marcus Tanner

Minutes of the October 21, 2011 meeting were approved as distributed.

Deletion of the Technology and Applied Science requirement from the core curriculum was approved by the Academic Council, effective in fall 2012. This change will appear in the 2012-13 university catalog.

Elbow presented two statements to be included in the catalog regarding teaching of technology appropriate for each major (see below). The statements were approved with minor editorial changes. Elbow will request approval from Dr. Stewart and Dr. Smith before the statement will be added to catalog.

*All academic units will incorporate teaching of discipline-appropriate technology into required courses so that graduating students will gain technological knowledge and skill required for employment or continued education at the graduate level.*

*Students who graduate from Texas Tech University will demonstrate technological knowledge and skills required to access information, support professional presentations, process data, and perform other technical procedures appropriate to their major discipline.*

Elbow presented a Power Point on the New Core Curriculum approved on October 27 by the Coordinating Board. The new core will be limited to 42 hours and is based on behavioral objectives. Core courses must address all of the objectives as specified by the Coordinating Board for each particular component area. The Coordinating Board will approve the new core and any subsequent changes by November 30, 2013. These changes will be implemented in Fall 2014. There will be a transition period for students coming in on an earlier catalog with the old core and for those students entering under a catalog with the new core. Elbow lead discussion on how to incorporate some things he feels should be Texas Tech requirements.

VPA reported that their online assessment for this semester rotation of courses will be available on-line after Thanksgiving.

The timeline to approve courses for the core was discussed. Requirements for core courses will be approved by the CCC Steering Committee by Feb 15, 2012. Call for Course proposal s will go to units by March 1. An expression of intent to request core course status for specific courses, along with as much information on courses as possible will be due from departments no later than May 4. New Syllabi should be ready no later than 9-7-2012.

Multicultural Requirement amendment to student learning and college level outcomes was tabled because of questions about wording.

Should multicultural courses be included in the call for reapplication to the core? Currently there are 117 courses that satisfy the graduation requirement but are not part of the core. There are some core courses that meet the multicultural requirement. Do we exclude the multicultural requirement from the type of oversight we are asking of the other part of the core? Or do we put it in and keep it more meaningful. Dragga suggested that since there is a requirement for "intercultural competence" included as part of the Social Responsibility core objective perhaps it would be advisable to eliminate the multicultural requirement as redundant. These issues will be discussed further at the next meeting.

Next meeting will December 7.

Meeting adjourned.