

## Core Curriculum Oversight Committee

Friday, September 11, 2020

10:30am-12:00pm

Meeting Location: Zoom

(<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/91071858310?pwd=UC9vN2liRTZKeTVtejREZWcyYzh0QT09>)

**Attendance:** Ruben Anguiano, Sondra Bland, Megan Backstrom, Joann Brennan, Summer Cao, Michelle Carpenter, Bassem Hassan, Nimol Hen, Antwan Jefferson (Chair), Nicole Leonhard, Annie Miller, Sandra Quinn, Kim Regier, Kodi Saylor, Kari Shafenberg, Marlene Smith, Lindsey Tollefson, Gregory Walker

**Not Present:** Alana Jones

## Agenda and Minutes

Welcome

Review and Vote re: minutes from 5.8.20

- First meeting of academic year 20-21, time provided to review minutes for approval.
  - Minutes for the May 8, 2020 were approved by 6 attending members with one abstaining.
- ACTION:** Antwan Jefferson will correct Summer's name appearing in a duplicative manner in the minutes.

## Updates

1. New Members – Annie Miller, Marlene Smith, Megan Backstrom
  - Introduction of new and continuing members.
2. Continuing Members – What do you wish you knew?
  - Continuing members share what would have been helpful to know before/when they joined the CCOC.
3. FINE 3636 - Through the Lens: Photography and Diversity (Cultural Diversity Core). Approved, following prerequisite modification.
  - Removal of words “pre-requisite” and listed in Core in October 2020
  - Antwan reviews proposal and approval of core courses. Any course approved by October 15 it will be listed in the Core for Spring Semester. March 15 is deadline for a course to be listed in the Core for Fall Semester.
  - University Curriculum Committee has been established, and their responsibility is to review courses and ensure there are no redundant/duplicate courses being offered across the university.
  - When CCOC receives a proposal, and it has been approved, there is no “check box” that indicates it has been reviewed and approved by UCC.
  - Once a course has been approved, there is a form the Chair needs to sign and submit to Registrar for catalog/list update with approved course.

## New Business/Action Items

1. Fall 2020 Meeting Schedule:
  - September 11, 2020 (10:30am-12pm)
  - October 9, 2020 (10:30am-12pm)
  - November 13, 2020 (10:30am-12pm)
  - December 11, 2020 (10:30am-12pm)
- Antwan presents dates for review and discussion. Members approve dates above.

### Other Items

- 1) 2020-21 CCOC Chair
  - Antwan shares that his role as Chair is extended one more year.
  - Discussion of Chair role and how a new Chair will be needed. May need to move vote for a new Chair to December in order to have one full semester of co-Chair experience.
  - Antwan offers to discuss what being Chair is like in the meeting or offline.

### Looking ahead

There are several topics for discussion:

- 1) Fall 2020 Periodic Review: Core Behavioral Sciences (last done (Sp2017))
  - Courses in knowledge area or competency will be divided among members.
  - Everyone takes 3 weeks to review syllabi
  - Receive syllabi in October and plan to return them first week of November
  - There is a form for syllabi review everyone is required to fill out and basically grade the syllabus/course
  - Chair reviews everyone's syllabi review and submit any/all recommendations/adjustments
- 2) Spring 2021 Periodic Review: Core Cultural Diversity (last done Fa2017)
  - Bassem proposes:
    - i) Is the name most appropriate? With everything going on in the US in the last couple months. Racial justice and racial equality. Establish a new category or a name change.
    - ii) Broader discussion of whether or not the syllabi meets learning outcomes.
    - iii) Responsibility as educators and parents, our work goes beyond checking boxes.
  - Antwan acknowledges the importance of preparing students to learn about what the world is becoming and not only what it has been.
  - Antwan would like category on racial, social, economic knowledge area/competency. Would need to be approved by faculty governance
  - What does diversity mean? Open to discuss and explore all possible options.
  - General consensus of CCOC members is engagement and willingness to discuss.
  - Antwan is giving time to members to reflect and consider Bassem's question and asked interested members to email him and he will work to facilitate a series of meetings outside normal schedule of CCOC meetings.
- 3) CU Denver Core Courses and gtPathways (multiple sets of learning outcomes, etc.)
- 4) Upper and Lower level distinctions (what this means for developing courses, CCOC review, support for faculty, etc.)
  - Develop faculty guidance – agreed to do some work
  - Request Michelle and Kim for assistance on this. Kim and Michelle can decline.
- 5) Transfer Students who have completed a cultural diversity course, and the CU Denver requirement of upper-level designation for Cultural Diversity courses
- 6) Quantitative Literacy (regarding the interest by other schools/colleges to offer courses to satisfy a mathematics requirement)
  - Delayed vote on this because of course code rules. Concern of consistency of DFW rates being high in mathematics courses.
- 7) Communicating Bachelor's degree waiver via catalog, website, etc. (if a Bachelor's degree was completed in the past 10 years, the Core is waived).
  - If an individual would like to pursue a second Bachelor's degree, outside of 10 years, they need to take core courses

Other notes:

- A new course proposal has come in. Antwan will review and bring to the committee in October.
- Conversation around voting vs. non-voting members and role. Voting/non-voting distinction is about form, not function. Everyone participates, supports and contributes.
- Responsibility of the committee is to review and approve documents and minutes.
- Committee meets second Friday of the month, save for January due to start of semester.
- May 2018 and May 2019 meetings were used as working meetings.
- Try to operate out of a Roberts Rule of Order, someone makes a motion, it is seconded, a discussion ensues, move to vote.
- Non-voting members are highly encouraged to engage and participate in discussion.

Additional Discussion on Inclusivity, social and civil justice:

- Antwan offers to facilitate dedicated conversation and possible even subcommittee:
  - Interest in Subcommittee
    - Annie
    - Kari
    - Michelle
    - Gregory
    - Lindsey
    - Ruben
    - Bassem
    - Sondra

2020-21 CCOC Members:

Ruben Anguiano – SEHD, HDFR  
Sondra Bland – CLAS, Psychology  
Megan Backstrom – Faculty Affairs  
Joann Brennan – Faculty Affairs  
Summer Cao - Business  
Michelle Carpenter – CAM, Visual Arts  
Bassem Hassan – CLAS, Political Science  
Nimol Hen - Advising  
Antwan Jefferson (2020-21 Chair) - SEHD  
Alana Jones – International Education  
**Nicole Leonhard – Registrar’s Office**  
Annie Miller - SPA  
Sandra Quinn – CLAS, Advising  
Kim Regier – CLAS, Biology  
Omar Roubi - Business  
Kodi Saylor – Auraria Library  
Kari Shafenberg – Registrar’s Office  
Marlene Smith - Business  
Lindsey Tollefson – CLAS, Advising  
Gregory Walker – CLAS, Music