**MCC Committee Agenda**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**12:00-2:00, Schroeder Complex 446**

Present: Thomas Eddinger, Conor Kelly, Amanda Keeler, Amelia Zurcher, Yoon Choi, James Marten, Michelle Schuh and Khadijah Makky

Not present: Kevin Thomas and Monica Adya

1. **MOI** **Updates**

* MOI: 2200 seats, in 8 large sections and several smaller sections, will be available in 2019-2020. The graduate school will provide 9 TAs + 3 from the History Department.
* New MOI topics: Rocking roll creativity, Race and community, Construction of disability. Water quality, Modernity, etc.
* The College of Arts and Sciences offered buyouts for 12 faculty for participation in MOI courses. [In the end, only eight were required.]
* MOI Workshops: Three workshops will be offered for faculty.
* The first workshop is on Tuesday Feb 26, at 4:30. The topic covered will be “Discovering the Architecture of Core Curriculum and Fitting the Course in MOI Practical”. The expected attendee is a mix of faculty; some have already taught MOI sections and others that are new and have not.
* The second workshop will focus on assignments and it will be offered in March.
* The third workshop will be offered in April and it will be about logistics

2. **Culminating Experience Development**

* There will be one section offered during the spring of 2020
* The departments of Philosophy and Theology will offer the course. They are in the process of designing the class and identifying who will teach it.
* They will submit a proposal for approval by the end of spring 2019.

3. **Discovery Tier Offerings**

* The committee will start collecting enrollment data from the themes to foresee how many students will be enrolled in each theme per year. The committee will use this information to adjust the classes offered in each theme and their sizes.
* The message to advisors
* Encourage students to start planning and think about their theme but not rushing them into a decision as freshmen.
* Encourage students to widen their horizons and take courses outside their fields, encourage STEM students to take social sciences classes and, social science students to take science classes.
* The MCC is still faced with a challenge, limited offers from Social sciences and limited courses offered under content area SSC in many themes. The committee brainstormed ideas to overcome the challenge of limited offers of SSC course in themes.

Some ideas offered:

* The MCC will talk to Chairs and give them more guidance about the DSCO courses.
* Keep the design as it is but encourage adding more social sciences classes and recruit more faculty to teach classes such as, Soci 1001, Psych class
* Adjust the themes, such as
* Change the assignment of the classes
* Combine the social and natural sciences

4. **ESSV2/WRIT in Health Sciences, etc**.

Still working on it. No new update

5. **Creating a fifth theme in Disco Tier**

* The committee worked on creating a fifth theme that combines the three ideas of the current inactive themes, Creativity and Technology, Exploring the Unknown, and Environment and Sustainability: Care for Our Common Home.
* The new theme will be populated with courses from these three themes. The theme will be active next academic year, 2019-2020.

**The committee discussed several challenges in creating this new theme**

* One is using the courses proposed for the inactive themes in the fifth new one. The committee is aware of this and will make sure that, the faculty are teaching the courses they proposed.
* There is a possibility of launch another call for courses this spring
* The committee brainstormed Possible titles for the new theme, such as “Expanding our horizons, Creativity and Technology in the Future”

Amanda and Tom Eddinger will work on the title and the description of the new theme and then will share with the committee.

5. **Syllabus Review**

The committee will discuss the revision in the next meeting. The committee was divided into subgroups to review the syllabi. The committee will not discuss the syllabi that passed by the subgroups, but will only discuss the ones that may need revisions.

**Advising**

* An overview of the MCC document was created to be linked to the 2019-2020 bulletin. It was reviewed by the committee and was approved. For now, the document will be sent out to CAPS and chairs and linked on the website for students to access it. Next July, it will be linked to the bulletin.
* An overview advising guide and discussion of the 4-3-2-1 will be shared with the university advising committee. It will be also shared with upcoming students and parents in the summer.

Advising for the MCC and Study abroad:

* There is no final decision regarding ESSV2 credits from courses that are taken abroad. The Office of Study Abroad will propose an ESSV2 online module for committee approval.
* A study abroad course can fulfill the DSCO elective credits.
* There will be a finalized study abroad policy added to the bulletin.

**New business**