

Issue 2

Greetings from UCCC –

Earlier this semester, I shared some of the work planned for the University Core Curriculum (UCCC) Committee during this academic year. The committee has been very busy so far, making good progress on several items on our to-do list.

The primary responsibility of the UCCC is to oversee the composition of the core curriculum. The committee certifies (and reviews for re-certification) courses and experiential learning activities nominated for core inclusion. In the first three months of this school year, we examined 18 courses for inclusion and conducted the early rounds of review for approximately 45 of the more than 260 courses due for re-certification this year. We also reviewed ten student petitions.

We also began the process of information gathering that will guide our efforts to make the KU Core better. As mentioned in the first KU Core Communication email in September, we plan to connect with stakeholders across the campus to collect ideas about how to provide greater clarity in the KU Core Goal learning outcomes, and ways to simplify the processes for course consideration, course recertification, and review of student petitions. This project is not a rewrite of the KU Core but is our response to calls for making the KU Core Curriculum easier to understand and engage.

This week, we will launch an online opportunity for you to participate in this improvement effort. This survey will include a few questions about your experiences with the KU Core and provide the chance for you to share your ideas through answers to a few open-ended questions. You may access the survey at [KU Core Survey](#). It will also be on the KU Core website.

The survey is brief but very important, and your input will help guide our efforts to improve the KU Core. We hope as many of you as possible will find a few minutes in this busy end-of-semester period to share your thoughts.

The survey will remain open online through finals week, closing on Dec. 15. We hope to share preliminary results with the UCCC members in January. Outreach to target groups across campus occurs in February and early March. Our goal is to share our findings shortly after Spring Break. In the weeks that follow, UCCC will consider improvements suggested by our fact-finding efforts and acted upon as appropriate.

As with all UCCC meetings, these sessions are open to the public on alternate Tuesdays at 2:30 pm in room 455 in Watson Library. The meeting schedule is at [UCCC Calendar](#). Our last meeting of the semester is December 4, and we will not meet again until January 22. If there are any urgent matters for UCCC to review, it is important to get

the issue in front of us as soon as possible. If you have questions or wish to share your ideas, please feel free to contact us at kucore@ku.edu.

Best wishes for the approaching season of holidays.

Onward toward excellence,

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