UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: _Rowan Core Committee_____   2017-2018

Number of Meetings Held this Year: _16 (1 general meeting, 15 with smaller sub-groups)___

Committee Chair: _Nathan Bauer_____

Committee Members: (list here)

Bryan Appleby-Wineberg	Eric Gregory	Eleanor Lockhart
Joe Davey	Erin Herberg	Joel Rudin
Bob Eisberg	Jane Hill	Yide Shen
Jess Everett	Tony Hostetter	John Hasse
Cindy Finer	Emily Hyde	Rachel Benassutti (SGA)
Richard Fopeano	Samantha Kennedy	Misael Hernandez (SGA)
Georita Frierson	Christine Larsen-Britt	
Zenaida Gephardt	Ik Jae Lee	

Purpose of / Charge to Committee:

The Rowan Core Committee is charged with reviewing and assessing proposals for new or modified Rowan Core courses. It also develops goals and outcomes for any new literacies included in revisions to the Core. Finally, the Committee makes recommendations for the selection of a Rowan Core Director.

Summary of Activities this Year:

(1) Met in sub-groups of approximately five members to review all submitted Rowan Core course proposals—providing extensive feedback to sponsors (and, where necessary, reviewing revised proposals). We ultimately approved a total of 103 courses for inclusion in Rowan Core starting Fall 2018.

(2) Held a general meeting to discuss Rowan Core policy issues: discussing concerns about the use of student assessment data to evaluate instructors; and passing a resolution requiring each Rowan Core course to assess a minimum of two Core Outcomes.

(3) The Core Committee Chair was closely involved in the planning and implementation of Rowan Core.

Suggestions & Recommendations

(1) Work with the Curriculum Committee to refine the "Process B" for new Rowan Core courses.

(2) Work with the Registrar to set up a public repository for Rowan Core files: lists of courses by Literacy, program guides, FIGs.

(3) The Core Committee will likely need (slightly) fewer committee members in 2018-19, as there should be fewer course proposals to review.

(4) Develop policies for revising existing Rowan Core courses (e.g., changing assessment plans).