2018-2019
UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Name: _Rowan Core Committee_

Number of Meetings Held this Year: _11 total (4 full committee, 7 sub-group review sessions)_

Committee Chair: _Nathan Bauer_

Committee Members: (list here)

Accardo, Amy	Gregory, Eric	Miller, Jude
Budmen, Rachel	Hostetter, Anthony	Provine, Darren
Dickerson, Catharine	Kipnis, Dan	Rudin, Joel
Eisberg, Bob	Larsen-Britt, Christine	Shen, Yide
Fillenwarth, Gracemarie	Lindman, Janet	Ullmann, Paul
Finer, Cynthia		

Purpose of/Charge to Committee:

- Reviewing proposals to add a Rowan Core literacy to an existing course—or to modify the literacy of an existing Rowan Core course.
- Coordinating with the Curriculum Committee to review proposals for new Rowan Core courses.
- Revoking courses from Rowan Core if departments fail to do the approved student assessment.
- Developing and approving changes to Rowan Core policy.
- Review alignments of non-Rowan Core courses with Rowan Core literacy outcomes.
- Revise existing Rowan Core learning outcomes (or add new ones) as needed.

Summary of Activities this Year:

The Rowan Core Committee had a busy year. In a series of policy meetings, we developed and approved a revised Rowan Core policy proposal—based on changes that were made during the implementation process. This proposal is now being considered by the Full Senate. The Committee also served as the foundation of the ongoing Task Force on the Future of the WI and LIT Requirements, which met twice this year. We agreed that both requirements should be kept, but that they need clearer guidelines and a manageable assessment plan. We have already developed the new LIT guidelines, and we will continue working on both requirements next year. Sub-groups of approximately 4 or 5 committee members met to review proposals to add new courses to Rowan Core. Some proposals are still under review, but we expect to have 29 courses added to Rowan Core by Fall 2019. The committee chair has done additional work managing and continuing the implementation of the Rowan Core general education program.

2018-2019   COMMITTEE SUGGESTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggestions & Recommendations for 2019-20:

- Continue including the Rowan Core Committee in the ongoing Task Force on the Future of the WI / LIT requirements.
- Begin revising the Rowan Core learning outcomes for each Literacy. (The committee chair has been collecting feedback from faculty on how to improve these outcomes.)
- Continue working with the Curriculum Committee to improve coordination of the process for reviewing proposals to create new Rowan Core courses (Process B).
- In coordination with Rowan Administration and our partner county colleges, develop a plan and timeline to implement the Rowan Core general education requirements for transfer students.
- Work with departments and Rowan Global to add Rowan Core assessment to online courses.