



Resolution Policy

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RE: Senate Resolution 200313-1

Proposal on the Future of the Rowan Core Committee

The Senate created the Rowan Core Committee to develop and then implement the Rowan Core general education model. Now that Rowan Core is running and the implementation tasks have (largely) been completed, it's time to consider the future of this committee. We propose the following two changes:

(1) Return the curricular duties of the Rowan Core Committee to the Senate Curriculum Committee

Rationale: During the implementation phase, the Rowan Core Committee was tasked with designing the proposal process for adding courses to Rowan Core. The committee has also handled the review of submitted course proposals. This decision—to have the Core Committee handle these reviews, rather than the Curriculum Committee—was a practical necessity, as there were simply too many proposals to review in setting up Rowan Core.. Now that the pace of new course proposals has slowed, it makes sense to return the process to its natural home in the Curriculum Committee.

Starting in Fall 2020, the Senate Curriculum Committee will handle all proposals to create a brand new Rowan Core course, add a Rowan Core literacy to an existing course, or change the literacy of an existing course.

(2) Merge the Rowan Core and the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committees to form a new Learning Assessment and Rowan Core Committee

Rationale: As the pace of proposals for new Rowan Core courses has slowed, the Core Committee has increasingly focused on the assessment side of Rowan Core. Moreover, departments are beginning to use the Rowan Core outcomes for their own programmatic assessment. This assessment work overlaps in fruitful ways with the duties of the Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee. A new, combined committee will be more efficient.

Starting in Fall 2020, a new Learning Assessment and Rowan Core Committee will replace the two separate committees. It will have the following responsibilities:

- Develop and approve changes to Rowan Core policy. (Significant changes will need Senate approval.)
- Coordinate with the Senate Curriculum Committee to ensure that proposals to create new Rowan Core courses include the information needed to begin managing and assessing these Courses
- Revise existing Rowan Core learning outcomes (or add new ones) as needed.
- Communicate regularly with departments regarding Rowan Core policy, the status of Rowan Core courses and assessment requirements.
- Manage the Rowan Core program in coordination with the Director of Assessment (e.g., maintaining a shared database with information on approved Rowan Core courses).
- Manage existing Rowan Core courses, including review of proposed changes to assessment plans (e.g., changes to assignments or exam questions).
- Periodic review of existing assessment plans for Rowan Core courses, ensuring that they remain relevant and follow best practices in assessment.
- Revoke courses from Rowan Core if departments fail to do the approved student assessment.
- Ongoing review of Rowan University's assessment principles and practices.
- Work with departments on programmatic assessment, including the review of proposals to use Rowan Core learning outcomes to assess program courses.
- Coordinate with the work of the Director of Assessment, including the systematic review and analysis of assessment data

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