

Paper one

University Undergraduate Core Committee

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1. Call to Order / announcements

- Dr. Liz Burke will be the new Assistant Director for the University Core.
- Provost Mike Lewis is in attendance for the first half of this meeting

2. UCC Meeting minutes for February 22, 2023: approved

3. Concerns were voiced for Provost Mike Lewis

- The University Core should be viewed as each equal to other undergraduate programs at our university
- Serious need for new faculty to accommodate growing number of sections for core classes
- Serious need for locations and spaces for classes to be held
- Need to recognize the way the University Core has the potential to improve both enrollment and retention of undergraduate students, particularly from year one to year two

4. Provost Mike Lewis's remarks

- Implementing the University Core at SLU is a cultural transition
- As we enter the 2nd year of the Core, we should be comfortable with the unknown
- Foresees long-term staffing needs
- Concern that faculty are not underpaid for their contributions to the Core
- Faculty manual may need revision to recognize flexible ways for delivering the Core
- Provost asked UCC where they think the greatest need for new hires exists for Core course delivery—answer was varied but included Ignite, Ultimate Questions, Oral and Visual Communication, and Creative Expression
- Provost left the meeting

5. Open Discussion

- Ignite Seminar
 - Strong demand for new faculty
 - Lost two faculty members scheduled to teach CORE 1000 in 23-24

- Implementing the new Core Curriculum requires changes to other major and program curriculums
- Need for resources but unsure of where to allocate resources and how to prioritize year to year
- Should the Core have a dedicated Gen-ed faculty?
- Should tenure-track hires be tied to an expectation of teaching in the Core?

6. Two one-year NTT faculty members were approved for 23-24 to teach in the Ignite Seminar part of the Core

- Under 1 year contracts

7. Adjourn