Call to Order and Approval of the Minutes – 10 minutes – Susan Spezzini

- Susan Spezzini called the meeting to order.
- Brief introductions were made of all committee members
- Minutes from the previous meeting on 08.30.18 were approved and will be posted on the Signature Core Curriculum website.

Updates on events, meetings and discussions – 10 minutes – Suzanne Judd

- Update about website – check event section for upcoming meetings – Committee members to continue spreading the word
- Co-chairs met with Parent Advisory Council
- Feedback structure – 1 or 2 questions for students, faculty and staff
- Document feedback
- Conversations with liaisons
- Other Feedback – SGA, Rotary, etc.
  - Survey has gone out to the Rotary Club – bundling surveys to prevent fatigue
  - No response from the Alumni Society
  - Great feedback from CAS listening sessions
- Creating other events and listening sessions

Introduction of Dialogue Mapping – 15 minutes – Andrew Keitt

- Dialogue mapping useful for decision-making and provides the availability to look back and see what the committee discussed and decided. It is a great way to navigate the project.
  - What are our criteria for success?
  - Unanimous faculty support
  - Better serve students → what does that mean?
  - Old wine, new bottle
  - Long-term measurable goals? Better graduation rates?
  - The purpose – making sure that they (students) can understand the purpose (of the core)
  - Real world relevance
  - Spring 2019 survey – focus questions to set a baseline

Discussion of fundamental design principles for the core – 15 minutes – Allison Chapman

- One core framework, not several
- Expansion averse
- Portable credits - latitude for our domestic students, students need to be able to put in a suitcase and take with them
- Broad skills, enduring questions, general bodies of knowledge that they can carry to any major
• Connectivity and integration
  o Limitations - who gets credit for what and how does it get funded?
  o Students have to connect and integrate
• High impact friendly - study abroad, etc.
• Table to January – entire meeting on connectivity and integration

Discussion of Alabama General Studies Commission – 20 minutes – Gregg Janowski

• AGSC: Articulation and General Studies Committee
• STARS: Statewide Transfer and Articulation Reporting System
• General Studies Curriculum
• Process for AGSC
• Compliance
• Common misconceptions

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 31st at 11:00 a.m.

• Look at cores from other schools