Announcements – Alison Chapman

- Alison Chapman called the meeting to order
- Minutes from the previous meeting in October approved and will be posted on the Signature Core Curriculum website
- Committee member changes
- No December meeting
- Alison Chapman and Julio Rivera as Faculty Senate liaisons
- Presentations completed and scheduled

Presentation on Service Learning and Undergraduate Research – Amy Badham, Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research

- E-portfolio storage - student affairs - ENGAGE, space in Canvas
- Blazer Pulse - all students/faculty/staff
Report on Feedback to date – Suzanne Judd

- Discussed feedback that has been received from various groups
- Good lists, matches what AAC&U says is important
- Do these map to the president’s global initiative/pillars within the strategic plan?

Upcoming Events/Projects/Plans – Alison Chapman

- Online survey
- VALUE rubrics as possible source for learning outcomes?
- Early February roll-out
- Volunteers?
- Town hall and Zoom conference in April—“what we’ve learned this year”
- May 6-7 retreat
  - Alison Finley and Kate McConnell, AAC&U
  - Involve liaisons
- Emerge with a rough draft of a rough draft
- Better communication about the core and its value
  - With students
  - Enrollment management help
  - With advisors
    - Discussions with the Council of Academic Advisors Steering committee
    - Advisors are left on their own to communicate core to students
  - With faculty
    - General Education summer symposium at the Center for Teaching and Learning

Options:
- Leave everything the way it is – improve the message – the way we talk about the core
- Change how the core is taught – get more faculty involved in better teaching
- Change the architecture or the requirements

Discussion of cores at selected public institutions nationwide – Suzanne Judd

- What are the synthesis courses
- Place based courses
- Current QEP
- Ethics
- Double counting

Upcoming speakers/presentations

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- Suzanne Austin on global learning (Jan)
- Chris Minnix on Freshman Composition (Feb)
- Paulette Dilworth on multiculturalism and inclusion (TBD)
- Julie Price on sustainability (TBD)

Next Meeting – Thursday, January 31st at 3:00 p.m. – Location: AB Penthouse - Large