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CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE: REPORT

TO: Larry Williams, Chair
FROM: María Elena Soliño, Chair, Core Curriculum Committee
Date: February 18, 2010

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The committee engaged in a lively email debate between February 9 -16, 2010. Participating members : Martha Dunkelberger, William Dupre, Sarah Fishman, Larry Rapp, John Snyder, María Elena Soliño, George Trail, and Nina Tucci.

The Core Curriculum Committee members reviewed and approved the following items.

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Recommend approval of the above requests.

Request Approval of New Core Curriculum Request Form

The main task of the Core Curriculum Committee this past month has been to modify the Core Curriculum Core Request Form. At present, faculty members who need to make modifications to an existing core course must go through the same laborious process as someone who is introducing a new course into the core. The existing Core Request Form does not provide the Core Curriculum Committee with the information it needs to distinguish between an existing core course requesting a minor modification, such as a change in prerequisites, and a course that is entirely new, nor does it provide a space for the faculty member who is requesting the changes to offer an explanation for why these modifications are needed.

After a couple of days of debate, the consensus among members of the committee was that the process would be simpler for both the faculty seeking to introduce modifications to a core course, and for the Committee, if we had two different forms. The suggestions of various members were combined to produce the new form, **REQUEST for MODIFICATION to a CORE CURRICULUM COURSE**, that we are now introducing to the members of Undergraduate Council as a whole for approval.

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CORE CURRICULUM REQUEST FOR COURSES NEW TO THE CORE

Comment [MS1]: Change to title of the form

Originating Department/College: _____

Person making request: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dean's signature: _____ Date: _____

I. General Information:

Course number and title: _____

Catalog description must be included on completed CBM 003 form and attached to this document.

Category of Core for which course is being proposed (mark only one):

- _____ Communication
- _____ Mathematics
- _____ Mathematics/Reasoning (IDO)
- _____ American History
- _____ Government
- _____ Humanities
- _____ Visual/Performing Arts Critical
- _____ Visual/Performing Arts Experiential
- _____ Natural Sciences
- _____ Social/Behavioral Sciences
- _____ Writing in the Disciplines (IDO)

II. Objectives and Evaluation (respond on one or more separate sheets):

Call ext. 3-0919 for a copy of "Guidelines for Requesting and Evaluating Core Courses" or visit the website at www.uh.edu/academics/corecurriculum

- A. How does the proposed course meet the appropriate Exemplary Educational Objectives (see **Guidelines**). Attach a syllabus and supporting materials for the objectives the syllabus does not make clear.
- B. Specify the processes and procedures for evaluating course effectiveness in regard to its goals.
- C. Delineate how these evaluation results will be used to improve the course.

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Comment [MS2]: THIS DATE WILL NEED TO BE CHANGED

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Originating Department/College _____

Person making request: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Dean's signature: _____ Date: _____

I. General Information:

Course number and title: _____

II. Category of Core

A. Category of the core to which this course now belongs (mark only one):

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| _____ Communication | _____ Visual/Performing Arts Critical |
| _____ Mathematics | _____ Visual/Performing Arts Experiential |
| _____ Mathematics/Reasoning (IDO) | _____ Natural Sciences |
| _____ American History | _____ Social/Behavioral Sciences |
| _____ Government | _____ Writing in the Disciplines (IDO) |
| _____ Humanities | |

B. Will the course change to a new core category? If yes, please indicate the new category.

III. Briefly state the specific changes being made to the course and/or its catalog description, with an explanation of why such changes are needed.

A. Proposed change

B. Rationale for change

IV. Please attach a syllabus that clearly reflects that the Exemplary Educational Objectives are being met. If these objectives have changed from those originally tied to the course, briefly describe the change(s).

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