

General Education Council  
Minutes  
March 7, 2016  
(conducted electronically through email)

- Old Business

New Core Page on the website:

1. New suggestions were sent to the members for comment, revision, or new suggestions.
2. Jeremy suggests we have focus groups to decide which proposals would be not only the most user-friendly, but also the most meaningful.
3. Lai met with Keith to get the information in the right form as an example for the committee to look at and critique.
4. Narrowed down suggestions included:

Area A1: The Written Word

Area A2: Mathematical Calculations

Area B: The Diversity of Perspectives

Area C: Human Creative Expression

Area D: The Natural World

Area E: The Social World

Area A: Beginnings

Area B: Connections

Area C: Expressions

Area D: Observations

Area E: Society

Area A: Beginnings

Area C: Appreciations

Area D: Observations (Views)

Area E: Empathy

Content Suggestions included:

**Area A1: The Written Word**: Courses from this list teach you the skills to organize and express your ideas and thoughts in the right compositional and grammatical manner. These are specific critical reading and writing skills that students need to succeed in their future coursework.

**Area A2: Calculations:** Courses from this list teach you to express your thoughts and ideas through mathematics and quantitative reasoning for comprehending the world in which we live.

**Area B: Perspectives:** Courses from this list teach you how to see the interrelatedness of our life experiences. These classes are focused on significant questions or issues not regularly explored elsewhere in the curriculum.

**Area C: Creations and Speculations:** Courses from this list demonstrate how we interpret our humanity and how we express those understandings in our own original ways.

**Area D: The Natural World:** The courses from this area give us the tools of scientific and quantitative approaches to understand the human experience and the natural world.

**Area E: The Social World:** These courses help us understand how our society and its institutions influence us in our daily lives.

5. Our request has been handed over to Creative Services and we are waiting for the results.