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Chair, Faculty Council

FROM: Peter Kvidera (Director, Integrative Core Curriculum) and the Integrative Core Curriculum Committee

RE: Proposed revisions to the Integrative Core Curriculum Committee administrative structure

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### **Background**

The original core document states that a number of elected or appointed positions on the Core committee (directors of subcommittees) must be from departments listed in a chart included in the document. According to Appendix D, those positions are as follows:

<b>Director of Quantitative Analysis (QA):</b>	<b>member of Mathematics department</b>
<b>Director of Exploring the Natural World (ENW):</b>	<b>member of BL, CH, PH, or PS depts.</b>
<b>Director of Examining Human Experience (EHE):</b>	<b>member of AH, CMLC, CO, EN or HS depts.</b>
<b>Director Issues in Social Justice (ISJ):</b>	<b>member of EC, PO or SC depts.</b>

The director of QA is an appointed position while the directors of ENW, EHE, and ISJ are elected positions.

In addition, the original core document states that a number of fixed positions on the Core committee be department chairs or program directors:

**Director of Writing (English)**  
**Director of Public Speaking (Communication)**  
**Chair, Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures**  
**Chair, Theology and Religious Studies**  
**Chair, Philosophy**

### **Proposal**

The Integrative Core Curriculum committee understands that the above affiliations make sense because of the expertise of faculty in the departments. However, we propose that departmental requirements for the above positions be revised (1) to provide flexibility when faculty availability in the indicated departments is limited and to promote a shared workload, (2) to provide some potential relief to directors of programs and department chairs who, otherwise, may spend an extended time on the Core committee, and (3) to bring Appendix D up to date with recent faculty-endorsed changes, particularly to departments offering EHE courses.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Core committee voted on these potential changes in the Fall semester, but waited to submit the proposal to Faculty Council until this Spring, with the intention of submitting all proposals at one time. More recently we have developed the proposal to revise the Integrated Courses component of the Core. Clearly, if the Integrated

1. We propose that the Director of QA (an appointed position) and the Director of ISJ (an elected position) be an **open** position. Both of these types of courses are offered in multiple academic departments.
2. We also propose that the Director of EHE be **“preferably”** from the Department of AH, CMLC, CO, EC, EN, HS, PO, PL, SC, or TRS [an EHE link must include a course from at least one of these departments]<sup>2</sup>; and the Director of ENW be **“preferably”** from the Departments of BL, CH, MT/CS, PH, or PS [an ENW link must include a course from at least one of these departments].
3. Finally we propose that Program Directors and Department Chairs have the option to step down from their positions on the Integrative Core Curriculum Committee:
  - a. Whenever possible, the chairs of the Oral Expression and Written Expression subcommittees of the Core Curriculum Committee will be the Directors of Public Speaking and Writing, respectively.
    - i. If the Director of Public Speaking is unwilling or unable to serve in this capacity, the Oral Expression subcommittee chair will be selected by the CAS Dean in consultation with the CO department chair and the Director of Public Speaking.
    - ii. If the Director of Writing is unwilling or unable to serve in this capacity, the Written Expression subcommittee chair will be selected by the CAS Dean in consultation with the EN department chair and the Director of Writing.
  - b. Whenever possible, the chairs of the CMLC, PL, and TRS subcommittees of the Core Curriculum Committee will be the respective department chairs.
    - i. If the CMLC department chair is unwilling or unable to serve in this capacity, the Languages subcommittee chair will be selected by the CAS Dean in consultation with the CMLC department chair.
    - ii. If the PL department chair is unwilling or unable to serve in this capacity, the Philosophy subcommittee chair will be selected by the CAS Dean in consultation with the PL department chair.
    - iii. If the TRS department chair is unwilling or unable to serve in this capacity, the Theology & Religious Studies subcommittee chair will be selected by the CAS Dean in consultation with the TRS department chair.

Proposed revisions to Appendix D (in bold)

Pg. 35: [under “Fixed Faculty Positions”]

The “fixed” positions are:

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Courses proposal is approved by the faculty, part of this proposal on changes to the committee’s administrative structure will no longer be relevant (regarding ENW and EHE directors). Because we do not know the outcome of the integrated courses proposal, we will proceed with this proposal as originally planned. Our understanding is that this proposal (admin. structure) will be superseded by the other proposal (integrated courses) if it is approved —thus the ENW and EHE director/subcommittee will be replaced by the “Linked Courses” director/subcommittee.

<sup>2</sup> The proposal to expand the departmental affiliations of “required” courses for EHE was approved by the faculty in April 2016. In the original Core document, an EHE link was required to include at least one course from AH, CMLC, CO, EN, or HS. With the revised policy, an EHE link is now required to include at least one course from AH, CMLC, CO, EC, EN, HS, PO, PL, SC, or TRS.

Director of Writing (English) **or appointed replacement**  
 Director of Public Speaking (Communication) **or appointed replacement**  
 Director of Quantitative Analysis (**open**)  
 Chair, Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures **or appointed replacement**  
 Chair, Theology and Religious Studies **or appointed replacement**  
 Chair, Philosophy **or appointed replacement**  
 Director of Creative and Performing Arts

Pg. 35: [under “Elected Positions”]

A director of each of the integrated, linked, multi- or inter-disciplinary components will be elected by the faculty at large; **candidates for the director positions of EHE and ENW are preferably from** departments listed in the chart below. Vacant seats that are not filled by election shall be appointed from among faculty willing to serve by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in agreement with the Chair of Faculty Council.

Pgs. 36-38: Charts listing members of Core Committee:

<u>Members of Core Committee</u>	<u>Terms of Office</u>
Director of Writing	Current Director of Writing in Department of English <b>or replacement (appointed by CAS Dean in consultation with EN Department chair and Director of Writing)</b>
Director of Public Speaking	<b>Current Director of Public Speaking in Department of Communication or replacement (appointed by CAS Dean in consultation with CO Department chair and Director of Public Speaking)</b>
Director of QA	<b>open</b>
Chair of the CMLC Department	<b>Current chair or replacement (appointed by CAS Dean in consultation with CMLC Department chair)</b>
Director of ENW	<b>Preferably</b> member of Department of BL, CH, MT/CS, PH, or PS
Director of EHE	<b>Preferably</b> member of Department of AH, CMLC, CO, EC, EN, HS, PO, PL, SC, or TRS

Chair of PL Department

**Current chair or replacement (appointed by CAS  
Dean in consultation with PL Department chair)**

Chair of TRS Department

**Current chair or replacement (appointed by CAS  
Dean in consultation with TRS Department chair)**

Director of ISJ

**open**

## **Appendix**

Link to original core document:

<http://webmedia.jcu.edu/core/files/2017/02/APTF-Curriculum-Report-FINAL-April-2013.pdf>