

Attendees: Ellen Crowell, Liz Burke, Laurie Russell, Marissa Cope, David Kaplan, Benton Brown, Robert Cole, Joya Uraizee, Atria Larson, Paige Chant, Natasha Case, Nathaniel Rivers, Hamish Binns, Elena Bray Speth, Annie Smart, Heather Bednarek, Kathy Kienstra, Katie MacKinnon, Kathleen Armstrong, Mike May, Lauren Arnold, Genevieve Keyser, Sophia Lee, Nicole Mispagel, Anne Carpenter, Natalie Floeh, Ben Perlman

1. Call to Order / Announcements

- Liz Burke and David Kaplan are traveling to SLU-Madrid to meet with colleagues, lead assignment design and Core student workshops, and celebrate the Core Instructor of the Year at SLU-Madrid
- SLO 5 rubric testing session took place on February 27, 2026; the session was productive and yielded an updated version of the SLO 5 rubric which is currently being circulated to the SLO 5 rubric ad hoc committee as well as to the testing group for final comments; the updated SLO 5 rubric will be presented at the April UCC meeting for final approval, and SLO 5 assessment will take place the week of May 25
- SLO 3 rubric development is underway, with the SLO 3 rubric testing session planned for March 20; two additional volunteers are needed and were solicited; SLO 3 rubric will also be presented at the April UCC meeting for final approval, and SLO 3 assessment will take place the week of June 1
- Tribute to Gary Barker's foundational work on the UCC; under his leadership, the UCC first developed and adopted the Core's 9 graduation-level learning outcomes as well as oversaw the appointment of the first Director of the Core; without Gary, the work of the UCC would not be where it is today, and we owe so much to his leadership

2. Approval of Minutes from 2.4.26

- Minutes approved

3. Course approvals

Cura Personalis 2: Self in Contemplation

HSCI 2400: Professional Development Seminar
Forensic Science Peer Mentoring Leaders (Co-curricular)
Brave Conversations: Facilitation for Ignatian Identity Dialogues (Co-curricular)

Cura Personalis 3: Self in the World

OCS 3820: Practical Applications in Occupational Science

Writing Intensive

CORE 4020: Rewriting the College Classroom
HIST 3700: U.S. Constitutional History

Creative Expression

FRSC 3200: Forensic Photography

Ways of Thinking: Aesthetics, History and Cultures

HIST 3700: U.S. Constitutional History
GR 3210: German Cultural History

Collaborative Inquiry

ANTH 3530: Urban Ethnography: The Politics and Poetics of the City
CORE 4020: Rewriting the College Classroom
ENGL 3800: Manifestos

(All courses approved)

4. Discussion on Appointment of New Associate Directors

- The Director of the Core reviewed the process followed to interview and select the team of new Associate Directors; she also noted that once new Associate Directors are appointed, the UCC will need to discuss how to institute a staggered term structure for ADs going forward so we do not find ourselves needing to hire so many ADs at once again in the future
- The Director of the Core then called on members of each interview team to characterize the discussion around the candidates and to share the interview team's recommendation for the next Associate Director candidates for Open Seminars, Eloquencia Perfecta, Ultimate Questions, Equity and Global Identities, and Cura Personalis/Reflection in Action
- All five recommended candidates have extensive experience with the Core, having served on Core subcommittees and participated in Core assessment. Incoming Associate Directors will be invited to shadow outgoing Associate Directors for the remainder of the semester before fully joining the Associate Director team on July 1.

- The UCC approved the slate of recommended candidates; the Director of the Core will notify all applicants of the decisions

5. Adjourn