

Faculty Senate Core Curriculum Committee Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2025-11am, via WebEX

I. Attendance:

Present: Barnes, Kovach, Gilstrap, Franchetti, Menezes, Taylor, Joe, Krantz
Absent: Schroeder, Malik

II. Schedule apologies and updates

Last meeting of the term: Monday, December 1, 2025, 11am, via WebEX

III. Provost's Task Force on General Education

Dear Faculty Senate Core Curriculum Committee,

During the most recent faculty senate meeting, Provost McKinney announced the formation of a General Education Task Force charged with the following task:

The University of Toledo seeks to revise and reinvigorate its General Education/Core Curriculum to ensure it remains relevant, rigorous, and responsive to the needs of today's students, tomorrow's workforce, and the communities we serve. This revision process will balance compliance with state requirements, and a forward-looking vision that transforms general education into a distinctive hallmark of a UToledo undergraduate degree. This work is central to UToledo's mission of preparing graduates to thrive in and contribute significantly to a constantly changing global community. By reimagining general education, we will not only meet state and accreditation requirements but also distinguish UToledo as a leader in transformative undergraduate education.

We're excited to facilitate this exciting project and hope to engage with your committee right away to get your feedback about important considerations like taskforce composition and process. We are also happy to share information about state requirements and timeline, which are pertinent to the work we will do together.

We will work to set up a time and place for this meeting, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

*Best Regards,
Melissa and Barb*

- a. Do we need a committee response? We agree that we do not, other than to suggest we meet during exam week, when most of our schedules will ease up a bit.
- b. Is there a case to be made about faculty control of curriculum here? We are hoping for a positive and productive engagement between our committee and representatives from the Provost's Office.

III. Course Approvals:

- a. PHIL 1750: American Philosophy and Civic Thought:

We all agree that the course looks great, but we see that they have not included the information to apply to the OT-36. In congruence with our past practice this fall, we are sending the course

back to the department and recommending that they work with Alana Malik on the OT-36 part of the proposal. This does not mean that we are all in agreement that this requirement should be leveled for all new core courses; however, we don't want the proposals to lose any more time only to be kicked back by the Provost's Office.

- b. CHIN 1110: Elementary Chinese I
- c. GERM 1110: Elementary German I
- d. SPAN 1110: Elementary Spanish I

All three courses had some confusion in their Student Learning Outcomes and were remanded back to the proposing department for more work on clarity and measurability, with a recommendation that they reach out to Alana Malik for support in revising their SLO's.

IV. New Business? None

Faculty Senate Core Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 1, 2025-11am, via WebEX

I. Attendance

Present: Barnes, Kovach, Gilstrap, Franchetti, Taylor, Schroeder, Malik

Absent: Menzes, Joe (voted by email), Krantz

II. Reminders:

- This meeting was scheduled solely to attend to any late-posted courses for our review, of which there were two, below.
- Note that all Faculty Senate Core Committee members have been invited by Deans Gregory and Ritter, who are co-chairing the Provost's newly formed General Education Task Force, to attend a meeting this **Friday, December 1st at 1pm in Gilham Hall, Rm. 3100C.**

III. Courses Under consideration:

- COMM 2840: Interpersonal Communication
- COMM 2000: Media, Communication, & Society

The Committee reviewed the student learning outcomes on the syllabus of each course and found them to be appropriately aligned with the Arts & Humanities Core requirements. The COMM faculty have also done extensive work with Alana Malik to create the elements required for submission to the OT-36. The Core Committee unanimously recommends approving both courses.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Barnes
Chair, Faculty Senate Core Committee