

Members,

The first meeting of the ISC went very well. We discussed items 1-7 on the agenda and decided to meet next Tuesday at 3:30 in LDB 300 to continue the discussions regarding the nature of the course. Specifically, we decided to:

1) Review the course objectives listed under Item 5 on the agenda for purposes of both rewording those that might have a negative or confrontational tone and combining some (or eliminating some) to reduce the total number. So, please look them over and forward any suggestions to me. I will compile the list of recommended changes so that we can discuss them next Tuesday. The purpose of developing this list is to ensure that the objectives it contains will be incorporated into the course - whatever the final model of the course. In essence, they serve as the foundation and goals of the course.

2) We also agreed to begin thinking about possible models for the course (as described under Item 8) and will discuss this at the next meeting. In choosing a model, we need to consider the issues listed under Item 7, and any others that might be necessary. * Dr. Eglisaer believes it is possible to develop a course numbering system that will enable the course to be transferred to other universities. So, this will be handled at a level above our committee once we have developed the course. Also, I wanted to clarify that this course is required only for non-science majors and therefore does not impact the sequencing of courses for science majors. There may be other exceptions to the requirement to take this course based on consideration of the curriculum requirements for certain majors.

3) We approved Paul's suggestion that we divide the development of this course into the 3-step process described in Item 9 in order to ensure buy-in by the Chairs of the science departments and the Dean of COAS. Paul e-mailed a more detailed description of this list and its rationale to everyone following the meeting. Please read through it before the next meeting.

The members present at the meeting included:

Paul Loeffler
Sol Schneider
Brian Loft
Matt Rowe
Todd Primm
Chris Baldwin
Bobby Lane
Marcus Gillespie

I would like to keep Dr. Eglisaer and Dr. Hebert apprised of our progress, and so I will send each a copy of our meeting agendas and e-mails such as this one which summarizes the meeting.

I look forward to our next meeting.

Marcus