

True Blue Core Committee Meeting

Attendance

Voting members in attendance: John Zamora, Andrew Fialka, Andrea Hall, Jorge Vargas, Laura Cochrane, Jane Lim, Yi Gu, Ann McCullough, Janet Colson, Stephanie Totty, Angela Hooser, Scott McDaniel, Virginia Hemby-Grubb, Teresa Davis.

Voting members absent: *Ex officio* Amy Aldridge, Jeff Gibson, Susan Myers-Shirk

Observers: Karen Austin

True Blue Core Team: Christina Cobb, Molly Walters, Abby Arnold

Guests: Bethany Wrye, Interim Chair, HHP, Kahler Stone, course originator for HLTH 1150; Lee Wade, Associate Dean, CBHS

Agenda

February 14, 2025 ; JUB 100; 12:30 to 2:00 pm

All documents available here: [TBCC materials-February 14, 2025](#); Folder includes:

- a compilation of documents for discussion;
- a PowerPoint slide deck and recording from November 22, 2024 that introduces you to issues under discussion today
- A PDF of the HLTH 1150 proposal.

Welcome by Laura Cochrane, chair, True Blue Core Committee

Approval of minutes from December 6, 2024; Access minutes in the True Blue Core Teams Folder.

Minutes were approved.

HLTH 1150 Health Literacy

Preliminary review (no voting): HLTH 1150 Health Literacy; Available in Curriculog or here: [HLTH 1150 for Preliminary Review TBCC 02-04-2025.pdf](#)

TBC Guidelines for course approval checklist items

Re: course does not focus too narrowly ...

Suggested clarifying the broader scope of the course. Apply to broader areas of life using health as a lens. Not career or professionally oriented class.

Assessable assignment:

- Add description of scoping assignment to the assessable assignment instructions. Make it clear that the scoping assignment will be included in the final project.
- Align assignment with Core rubric. Include the core rubric at the bottom of the assignment file.

Updates:

Info Lit category

- Using any course in a category to meet a prereq requirement for courses outside of the core; work in progress for how to implement it; minimum grade requirement would be for any class in the category.
- Get a list of programs who are using a category as a prereq and distribute changes to the category (the sooner the better).

TBC Outstanding Teaching in the Core Award

26 nominations that qualify.

Plan for live rating session/norming session in March meeting.

Submit ratings by April meeting.

Question: Does a prof who only teaches labs qualify for the OTA? **Discussion:** Are they really teaching the labs? How many hours are the labs? Shouldn't deviate from our policy. If it's not in policy now, we can't exclude. Can vote on policy changes for next year forward. Possible future agenda item. Will likely come out in the ratings, etc.

Could potentially have another award; or change amount and give more awards; something for Amy Aldridge and Susan Myers-Shirk to discuss further.

Update on Teagle Cornerstone Humanities Grant

- Planning grant to create a humanities track in the core/gen ed across the state of Tennessee; second grant for implementation
- Blueprints FLCs : Kick off went great; going to launch mind body and wellness; sustainability and creativity is being worked on; lots of work going into this; FLC

Discussion & Approval

Committee rights and responsibilities vs. college rights and responsibilities [TBCC February 14 Documents for review.pdf](#)

Motion to support the statement > Teresa Davis motioned; Scott McDaniel seconded; 13 yes;

Repeatable Core courses and exception for English [TBCC February 14 Documents for review.pdf](#)

OK for Susan to use as public facing language > Teresa Davis motioned; Scott McDaniel seconded; 11 yes; 1 abstention

Total number of courses allowed in the Core [TBCC February 14 Documents for review.pdf](#)

OK to use as public facing language > Jorge Vargas motioned; Teresa Davis seconded; 12 yes

Procedure for title changes, etc. [TBCC February 14 Documents for review.pdf](#) ; did not review; will consider at future meeting.

New Business

Submitted by Stephanie Totty on February 14, 2025

Edited by Susan Myers-Shirk on March 26, 2025; formatting and attendance.