Minutes – Foundations Task Force

Monday, October 10 – 1 pm to 2:15 pm

Task force members Presents: Jenn Fishman, Sarah Wadsworth, Theresa Tobin, Tom Krettek, Bob Masson, John Jones, Laura Matthew, Lars Olson, Steve Goldzwig, Sarah Feldner.

1. Sarah Feldner gave an update of on what the other task forces were working.

2. There was discussion about specifics of our final proposal. Specifically, we discussed how many versions of the proposal we needed, based on resources.

3. The task force broke down into teams over the last two weeks and focused on some possible proposals. The groups presented their ideas, and clarifications, positive comments, and concerns were raised by the task force.
   A. Bob Masson presented a touchpoint model of the foundation. One key to this model was having a “Discovery Project”—or having the students come up with a question related to learning outcomes. See attached. The task force asked many clarification questions. There were many positive comments and concerns related to implementation, linking with the other parts of the core, pedagogy, and the themes of the discovery tier.
   B. Laura Matthew and John Jones presented a model of hybrid lectures with breakout discussions. This proposal would be the third or fourth course in the foundations tier. See attached. There were also clarifications, positive comments and concerns by the task force. Some included implementation, flexibility, mission, pedagogy, and the heart of our Jesuit education.
   C. Sarah Wadsworth and Theresa Tobin presented another variant of touchpoints. See attached email. There was also some discussion about this proposal and about all the ideas overall.

4. The task force agreed to meet in one week, Monday, October 17th, at 1:00pm in Johnston Hall room 522 again. No homework of the meeting was given, but that we would continue to discuss and advance these proposals.

Faithfully Submitted,

Lars Olson