

Update: Common Core proposal

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Dear SLU colleagues:

After a year-long common core invention process, which involved students, staff, and faculty from all colleges and schools on both our SLU and Madrid campuses, the University Undergraduate Core Committee is readying a Core Proposal to submit to our university community for review and approval.

I write today to offer a preview of this review and approval process.

October 1, 2019	The UCC presents our proposal for a new Common Core at SLU to all members of the SLU community. Sent out to all SLU community members directly via email; also available on the UCC website: https://www.slu.edu/provost/university-undergraduate-core/index.php
Oct. 1 -- Oct. 18, 2019	Members of the UCC visit all colleges and schools that deliver Undergraduate programs to present the proposal and field questions / engage in discussion. In addition to this formal presentation, the UCC invites colleges and schools to submit—through their faculty assemblies—further questions and requests for clarification by November 15th.
November 15, 2019	Deadline for questions and requests for clarification, conveyed to the UCC via the Faculty Councils and Assemblies of colleges and schools with undergraduate programs. These should be submitted directly to the Director of the Core (ellen.crowell@slu.edu or core@slu.edu)
November 15, 2019 - January 2020	The UCC works through all questions and requests for clarification, with a goal of bringing a final core proposal to the SLU community by the end of the Fall 2019 or the start of the Spring 2020 semester.
March 1, 2020	Deadline for Faculty Councils and Assemblies of colleges and schools with undergraduate programs to hold a simple “Yes/No” vote on the adoption of this proposal as our SLU Common Core. UCC bylaws outline voting procedures can be found here.

With university approval for this new Common Core by March 1, the UUCC will be able to move ahead with the next phase of our work, which is the operationalization and implementation of, first, a pilot year for some components of the core (2021-22) with a start date for all incoming students beginning no sooner than Fall 2022.

The UUCC looks forward to sharing our core proposal with you all on October 1st.

With best regards,

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