

To: Faculty Senate
From: Civitae Core Curriculum Committee
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Re: Annual Report

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The work of Civitae this year was to review proposed courses, review current syllabi in the program to prevent curricular drift, re-design Symposium Day, and prepare for the August Undergraduate Professional Development Day.

We reviewed and passed 19 new or revised courses now placed in the catalog.

We developed a clear checklist for faculty and the committee to check Civitae syllabi for the required elements: course description matching the catalog, Civitae outcomes listed, communication infusion indicated, mapping of assignments to outcomes.

We developed and implemented a new version of Symposium Day. In this iteration, members of the Prince Edward County government are asking students to address population decline in the county. Students will be given the essential tools to understand the complexities of this civic issue so they can deliberate collaboratively and propose ideas. This version exercises the principles of the program as a culmination of the Core Curriculum experience; based on a broad theme: E pluribus unum; engaging in the critical deliberation of citizenship, investigation, discussion, and advocacy of a position on a civic issue while sharing a common experience across sections of the course moving students from discussion to action.

Plans are underway for the 2nd Annual Undergraduate Professional Development Day in August. We'll be offering a working lunch discussion of AI in the Civitae classroom: use it, ban it, detect it. Each category leader and coordinator will be offering a workshop session to help faculty with pedagogy and to close the assessment loop.

