Brief WORK CHART
Core Curriculum Committee Work
Re: Assessing the Current Core Curriculum
and Developing a New Core Curriculum
2003-2012

- 2003-04
  - Engaged faculty and students in a dialogue about the current Core through surveys and focus groups

- 2004-05
  - Continued conversations with faculty and student focus groups, including chairs in CBA, CFA, CLA and CSE.
  - Several experimental courses were run- First Year experience and a Senior Interdisciplinary Capstone.
  - Examined student work relevant to the science, philosophy 160 and creative arts requirements to assess the effectiveness of the current Core Curriculum.
  - Surveyed all teachers in the Core: What objectives of the Core does your course meet?

- 2005-06
  - Synthesized the findings from the previous years into Improving the Core: Summary and Reflections.
  - Initiated ongoing conversations with the new CAO (AVP)

- 2006-07
  - President identifies a new Core Curriculum as a central goal for the University’s centennial
  - Drafted the Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes based on focus group input and LMU’s Mission
  - Sought feedback on the initial Learning Outcomes draft at several campus conversations as well as meetings of various committees.
  - Research into possible curriculum models begins with the examination of successful institutions

- 2007-08
  - Revised learning outcomes based on input received last spring. These were incorporated into a new document, 2011 New Core Curriculum: Mission and Learning Outcomes, which connects learning to LMU’s Mission.
  - Will seek comments and feedback on New Core Curriculum at department and committee meetings.
  - Will develop a Summer Core Curriculum Institute which will begin in 2008

- 2008-09
  - Will continue to refine possible model(s) for a new Core Curriculum in consultation with the faculty and administration.

- 2009-10
  - Initial pilot courses for a new Core Curriculum will be offered
  - Model(s) will continue to be revised and improved, with particular focus on implementation issues

- 2010-11
  - Additional pilot courses will be offered in preparation for a new Core Curriculum
  - Final Core Curriculum model(s) will be presented for consideration

- 2011-12
  - The goal is to have a new Core Curriculum approved and in the Bulletin
  - Focus will shift to assisting instructors with workshops and assessing the effectiveness of the new Core Curriculum.