The Core Curriculum Committee (CCC) meets on an as-needed basis. In 2017-18, the CCC met in October, February, and April.

At the October meeting, the CCC considered eight proposals for courses to be added to the core curriculum. All proposals were recommended to the University Curriculum Committee for approval and were subsequently submitted to the THECB for review. NOTE: The THECB approved five proposals and denied three proposals. Appeals for the denials have been submitted to the THECB and we are currently awaiting a response.

The primary purpose of the February meeting was to determine recommendations for the President’s Distinguished Achievement Awards for Core Curriculum Teaching. The CCC agreed that all nominees were outstanding instructors. The general consensus was that we wished we were able to give more awards. Ultimately, the committee recommended Dr. Terri Matiella (NTT in Environmental Science) and Dr. Thad Bartlett (TT-T in Anthropology) for the awards.

At the April meeting, the CCC engaged in lengthy discussion and ultimately submitted the following recommendations to Interim Provost Mauli Agrawal:

1. Core course-level assessment should be optional and determined at the department level. Submission of annual assessment reports should no longer be required. Going forward, the CC Assessment Team (CCAT) will oversee assessment of the six THECB-mandated objectives.

2. Emphasis will shift from assessment to implementation of state-required objectives. Thus, in lieu of course-level assessment, in order to remain in the core all approved core courses should be required to re-apply via an abbreviated proposal/report every four years (every other catalog cycle). This process should be phased-in over time.
3. Proposals for courses to be added to the core curriculum should be submitted September 1-October 1 in odd numbered years beginning in 2019, in preparation for the 2020-22 catalog.

4. The CCC should focus on determining and developing details for implementing recommendations 1 and 2 (above) in 2018-19 AY.

Dr. Agrawal approved all four recommendations on April 17, 2018.