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***Faculty Line #253***  
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I hope all of you are having a great fall semester. While I'm not enjoying the colder temperatures this week, it has been great to see the fall colors across campus. Below are a few updates to share with you.

**Initiatives for 2022-23**

Many of you are involved in some large initiatives that are taking place across campus this year. Below are some highlights of just a few:

- **Bridge Strategic Planning Subgroups**

This semester the university has convened a series of working groups to help inform a two-year bridge plan for the university. The groups are organized around five key objectives. Detailed information on scope and composition of the working groups is available on the [Strategic Bridge Plan Website](#). There have been Listening Sessions for each of these subgroups this fall, and there are links to the [recordings of sessions and surveys for faculty](#) and others in the university community to provide feedback on the bridge plan.

- **HLC Focused Visit:**

As a result of our campus visit by HLC in August of 2020, Wright State University will be hosting a focused visit by HLC on March 27-28, 2023. Carl Brun and Bruce Mackh are presently working on a 100-page report due to HLC on December 30th, 2022. Carl and Bruce have been holding online informational sessions, meetings, and professional development opportunities in association with their work on assessment and accreditation. Aligning our institutional efforts with HLC evaluative criteria is their central focus. Bruce Mackh encourages anyone who has questions to contact him by email, office phone, cell phone, by text, or teams! Bruce's contact information is as follows:

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- **CORE Review**

The CORE Review and Alignment Committee began meeting in November of 2021 to review Wright State University's (WSU) General Education (CORE) requirements, and to recommend any updates that may be needed to the WSU CORE. The committee has

established that the 24 hours required by OT36 need to be part of the WSU CORE, and that the overall requirements of OT36 will be a subset of the WSU CORE. There are three areas that still need additional discussion and decisions regarding general education requirements at WSU. These areas include:

- Global Traditions; Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI); Multicultural Competencies (MC)
- Writing (Second writing course and Integrated Writing)
- Natural Sciences

Over the next 4 months, these subcommittees are charged with exploring their respective area's requirements in the current CORE and how they differ from requirements of OT36, as well as understanding any strengths and issues these pose for WSU students. These subcommittees are also charged with engaging broad groups of faculty, staff, and students in discussions regarding these categories, and making recommendations to the larger Review and Alignment Committee by the end of February. Members of these subcommittees can be found [here](#). Any eventual recommendations for changes emerging from the ad hoc CORE committee or subcommittees will require policy approval from the Faculty Senate and will follow the procedures of shared governance diligently.

### **Midterm grades**

Thanks to faculty who participated in the pilot of midterm grades this semester. An email should be coming out next week with a link to a survey for faculty regarding midterm grades. Please take a few minutes to provide any feedback you have.

### **Commencement**

Yes – it is not as far away as you think. ☺ Please consider attending one of the commencement ceremonies at the end of the fall semester. It is always great to celebrate with our students as they conclude their studies with us. It is also a great time to see and connect with colleagues from across the university.

- Dayton Campus, Graduate School – Friday evening;
- Dayton Campus, Undergraduate Degrees – Saturday morning

You should be receiving an email from WSU Communications next week with information on how to register for commencement. Registering by the deadline is important so that there are an accurate number of seats on the floor for the ceremony.

### **Faculty Senate Meeting**

Our next Senate meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 14 at 2:30 pm. This meeting will take place in person in the Endeavor Room of the Student Union. An agenda and other details will be available after the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meets on November 7. As a reminder, any faculty wishing to connect to the meeting remotely must submit an official request to the Executive Committee by the November 7 meeting. In the meantime, you can access the

Faculty Senate meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes, as well as the Senate and committee rosters, on our webpage: [wright.edu/faculty-senate](http://wright.edu/faculty-senate).

### **Closing thoughts**

It has been great to see so many of you on campus this fall. As we approach November, I hope you find time to take a break from the work of the semester, and to engage with colleagues in your colleges and across campus. As I see many of you around campus, I'm reminded of how fortunate I am to work in a place with such amazing colleagues.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "B. T. Boyd".

Brian Boyd  
Faculty President