**MCC Committee Agenda**

**April 7, 2021**

**10:15 – 11:45 PM**

In attendance: Conor Kelly, Cedric Burrows, Thomas Eddinger, Amanda Keeler, Khadijah Makky, Doug Smith, Kevin Thomas, Erika Tucker, Amelia Zurcher, and Gary Klump.

1. Approval of March minutes.
   1. Approved
2. General Updates (Study Abroad approval process reminders; Nominations for MCC Committee 21-22)
   1. Study abroad can have courses for ESSV2 approved in a site-specific way. Course attributes from MU campus apply to study abroad iterations.
   2. Solicited nominations for MCC Committee.
      1. Erika proposed her own replacement while she is on leave next semester.
      2. Nominations requested especially for College of Communications and Natural Science & Math
3. PHIL and THEO updates (4929 plans; racial justice in Foundations)
   1. Philosophy
      1. The Department of Philosophy has made a concerted effort to address issues of racial justice throughout the various tiers of the MCC. The department has eschewed a top-down approach or one which mandates common material/readings, opting to empower faculty to teach their own areas of interest/expertise, while still encouraging engagement with issue, as feasible.
   2. Theology
      1. Plans for addressing racial justice still in development, but shared readings in THEO 1001 provide a springboard for addressing race and creating a baseline while attempting to balance academic freedom and the needs of the students. Discussions at the department level are pending and decisions from the department are pending.
      2. CORE 4929 also has 3 shared readings from the Jesuit tradition. As with philosophy’s versions, the theology versions of CORE 4929 are also topic-driven, with Jesuit pedagogy as a structuring element. A common “mission statement” assignment is shared across sections to help students connect their personal vocational discernment with insights from the course.
4. Working Groups for MCC Teaching Excellence Award
   1. Around 166 completed nominations, 43 different faculty, across 5 colleges.
   2. Breakout groups evaluated nominations. Shortlists were created and nominations condensed.
   3. Final decision to be a determined by the committee at an ad hoc meeting.