

Faculty Senate

Core Curriculum Committee

Applications for Pilot of Signature Course II

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” (Friedrich Buechner)

The Core Curriculum Committee of the Faculty Senate invites applications from full-time tenured and tenure track undergraduate faculty interested in developing and piloting the second Signature Course, "Christianity and Culture in Dialogue." An outline of the course designed by the Signature Course Steering Committee is attached. Fifteen faculty will be selected by the Signature Course Steering Committee to participate in a preparatory seminar and pilot the course in the fall 2007.

Faculty from various disciplines are encouraged to apply to teach this core course. One need not be an expert in these texts and, as the first signature group has discovered, we are continually uncovering their riches. The course is text-based and aims at discussion informed by questions central to, but not exclusive to, the Catholic intellectual tradition.

During the Fall and Spring of 2006-2007 the faculty selected to teach this course will meet six times and 'teach' this course to each other. Faculty selected will receive a stipend of \$1,500.

Background

At its meeting on February 4, 2005, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the principles for a new core curriculum. Among the principles approved, two were specifically related to the common courses or "Signature Courses" that all students would take.

* That undergraduate education at Seton Hall University be distinguished by two central elements: *a common grounding in the questions central, but not exclusive, to the Catholic intellectual tradition, broadly understood*; and the consistent and systematic development of students’ competencies, capabilities, and literacies.

* *That undergraduate students take three common courses considering these questions (such as the three-course sequence entitled “Odyssey of the Mind, Heart and Spirit” in the October 2004 “Core Curriculum Committee Draft Report”), two first-year writing courses, and the University Life course.*

Following this meeting, the Core Curriculum Committee created a Signature Course Steering Committee to develop outlines for the three common courses that would consider these questions. Recently, it has been decided by the Faculty Senate that the third-year course, originally entitled “The World’s Deepest Needs,” will be a discipline-

based course in the junior year (in or outside their major) that is specifically tailored to be a follow-up to the themes developed in the first two courses.

Eligibility

Any full-time, tenured or tenure track Seton Hall undergraduate faculty member is eligible to apply for the piloting of the second Signature Course.

Application Process

Interested faculty are invited to submit the attached application to the Signature Course Subcommittee by **October 31, 2006**. Please include a brief statement (approximately 200 words) of why you would like to participate in this faculty initiative.

Questions regarding the application process should be directed to: liddyric@shu.edu

Applications must be submitted electronically by **October 31, 2006** to:

Michelle Ebel (ebelmich@shu.edu)

Successful applicants will be notified by December 1, 2006.

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Name

Campus Extension

Department

Campus Address

College

Statement of why you would like to participate in this faculty initiative. (approximately 200 words)

Applicant's Signature (Date)

Chair's Signature (Date)

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