

QUEST Open Forum #1

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29 attendees (including CULE Members: Andy Mara, Beth Twomey, and Carolyn Schnell)

Notes

Why is there no explicit mention to foreign language?

Meister: Replace public speaking with foreign language (evidently a new trend)?

DGP/PSR: Can courses be in two categories? Would they count for students for just one?

Does PSR have to be outside the major?

How will we audit these learning outcomes if they are integrated into existing courses in the major?

What do you mean by technology? It can't be just information technology, but must include biotechnology, etc.

Technology is not just a tool. Students need to be aware of its social impact.

How will the applied communication work?

Applied communication should be taught by the experts in the Communication department.

When will complete lists of offerings be available for planning? Will departments with requirements to have credits outside the major for accreditation be able to find enough?

This model will require AHSS to offer many more credits and there won't be the resources for that.

How will transfer work with GERTA and the Minnesota system?

Engineering is eager to share their pilot first year experience course with others.

What will happen to 189? What does the new critical thinking course look like?

Where are the life skills? Where is wellness?

Positive response to notion of the FLCs

Conversation afterwards: Make sure students take a minimum number of credits outside their major & limit the number of credits that can be double-counted by both QUEST and the major.