

## Reinvigorating Core 2.0

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Dear Deans and Department Heads,

### **Listening Sessions for Reinvigorating the Core 2.0 Curriculum:**

The [Core Curriculum Committee \(CCC\)](#) and the Office of the Provost appreciated your participation in the thoughtful conversation (at the Retreat in January) about what types of knowledge, skills and habits of mind we believe students should learn in their general education programs to be successful in their degree programs and in life. This was the first of many conversations that members of the CCC and other faculty will convene this semester to listen to the ideas and thoughts of faculty and students.

In preparation for these discussions, the CCC is reviewing the documents and recommendations of the two Update Core groups that met in 2014-2016 and looking back at the original goals embedded in Core 2.0. We are all appreciative of the incredible work of the Update Core Committees and of the original committee that developed and designed Core 2.0.

Please encourage your faculty and students to participate as we contact them to invite input into reinvigorating the MSU Core 2.0 Curriculum.

### **Temporary Moratorium on Core Designation Requests:**

The accreditation self-study and evaluation revealed that the assessment process for the Core 2.0 Curriculum needs to be improved. As part of the process to reinvigorate the Core 2.0 Curriculum and to improve assessment of that curriculum, the Office of the Provost has imposed a moratorium on new Core course designations and will soon be reaching out to all departments to submit syllabi for all existing Core courses.

For those departments or programs who have submitted a new or existing course in CiM for Core approval, the CCC and the appropriate steering committee will assess whether demand for an additional core course in that area exists. If demand exists the proposed course will be reviewed and considered for a core designation. However, new requests for Core designations will not be considered at this time. We appreciate your cooperation as we take the time needed to review our current core course offerings and have important conversations about the core with students, faculty and staff on campus.

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