Ongoing oversight of CC designated courses

With an eye to minimize the administrative load of maintaining the CC and thus free up faculty time for teaching, we should whenever possible eliminate redundancy of oversight and allow the normal department quality control mechanisms of the hosting department to be the oversight of CC qualified courses.

The criteria for deciding if the cost of CCC oversight is justified should be if the expertise needed to evaluate the CC learning outcomes are native to the hosting department. In this case native is used to mean that all graduates of a PhD program in the departmental discipline can be assumed to have that expertise.

(1) The cost of CCC oversight will only be justified in cases when the relevant expertise needed to evaluate compliance with the CC stated learning outcomes is not native to the department hosting a CC course.

Example 1: If the Department of Physics offered an “artistic understanding” designated course the cost of CCC oversight would be unavoidable because the relevant expertise is not native to the department.

Example 2: A course offered by the Department of History which has been designated as a “Social, Historical, & Cultural Understanding” course does not warrant CCC oversight and can be safely monitored by the normal departmental process, and the cost of CCC oversight would not be justified because the relevant expertise is native to the department.

(2) The evaluation of the native expertise of a host department should be performed along with the evaluation of the initial CC proposal.

(3) Bootstrap procedure: CC classes who’s learning outcomes were distilled from departmental outcomes should be automatically hosted by that department.

Example: The Department of History should be automatically allowed to host the “Social, Historical, & Cultural Understanding” designated courses it currently offers.