

**Subject** [clae-faculty] Core Curriculum Open Forums  
**From** David R Koukal <koukaldr@udmercy.edu>; on behalf of: David R Koukal <koukaldr@udmercy.edu>  
**Date** Wednesday, April 8, 2015 11:42 am  
**To** "faculty,CLAE" <clae-faculty@listserver.udmercy.edu>

Dear CLAE Colleagues,

I understand that there are many rumors and misconceptions in connection with what is going on right now regarding philosophy, religious studies, the sciences, and the university mission, in regard to core revision.

I also know that it is ugly and distressing and depressing, and I hope you believe me when I tell you that I'd rather be doing anything else right now than writing this email.

It's important that you know that this is an ugliness that is happening to our departments and the mission of this university. We are not the source of it. Indeed, we are trying to protect ourselves and the mission from this ugliness.

At the last two CLAE Faculty Assembly meetings people expressed an interest in knowing more details about the core revision process and the current controversy. Though the tale is long and tangled, I can offer you to following two resources with which to educate yourselves:

For a summary of the current controversy, see:  
<http://koukal.org/corerevisionfacts/>

For a longer and almost-up-to-date timeline of the whole process, see:  
<http://koukal.org/coretimeline/>

To the best of my knowledge everything posted here is true. I welcome corrections.

I hope you will glance this material over and attend the open forums on the core, one of which is this afternoon and the other tomorrow. See the attached email for details.

I cannot attend tonight's forum because I will be grading papers and preparing for my Wednesday night class--a welcome refuge from this matter.

I hope you will attend and speak up for us, and the mission of the university.

Sincerely,  
Dave Koukal

---

D. R. Koukal, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair of Philosophy  
University of Detroit Mercy  
4001 W. McNichols Road  
Detroit, MI 48221-3038

---

313.993.1138  
koukaldr@udmercy.edu  
<http://www.udmercy.edu/philosophy>

---

Ite inflammate omnia  
- St. Ignatius of Loyola

---

----- Original Message -----

**From** Julia L Eisenstein <eisensjl@udmercy.edu>  
**Date** Wed, 01 Apr 2015 17:28:45 +0000 (GMT)

**To** faculty@listserver.udmercy.edu  
**Subject** [Faculty] Core Curriculum Open Forums

Dear Colleagues:

In order to allow faculty the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns about the new core curriculum, there will be two open forums held next week. There will be one on Wednesday, April 8, from 4:30-5:30 in Chem 114 and another on Thursday, April 9, from 4:30-5:30 also in Chem 114.

Please note that the agendas for the next two MFA meetings, (April 2 and April 16), will not include time for open forum-type discussion of core concerns.

Sincerely,  
Julia Eisenstein  
for the MFA Exec

---

Faculty mailing list  
Faculty@listserver.udmercy.edu  
<https://listserver.udmercy.edu/mailman/listinfo/faculty>

---

Clae-faculty mailing list  
Clae-faculty@listserver.udmercy.edu  
<https://listserver.udmercy.edu/mailman/listinfo/clae-faculty>