THECB Core Curriculum Report Summary Form

Institution: Texas A & M University- Corpus Christi

The current status of the core curriculum is demonstrated in concise tabular form and aligns specific core courses with the THEB exemplary educational objectives and required perspectives.

The use of evaluation processes seems to be at a rudimentary stage. Related to this, however, is a review of the Freshman Year Learning Communities Program, which does consist of largely, but not solely, of core courses. This review has resulted in changes to the program. In particular, the non-core freshman seminar course was substantially modified.

The University recognizes the importance of evaluating the core as a whole, and plans to do so, although these plans were not yet formulated at the time of the writing.

Distinction should be made when evaluating student learning outcomes between “outcomes,” per se, and other important changes such as new teaching methods or changes in student and faculty perceptions, even though the latter are important in improving the core.

Element 1 –
Table present with Texas Common Course Numbering System? - Yes
Aligns specific courses with exemplary objectives? - Yes
Describes means employed to verify that courses meet objectives? - Yes
Presents types of evidence used for verification? - yes
Comments- Good, detailed tables

Element 2 –
Brief description of the core curriculum? - Yes

Element 3 –
Does the report show how perspectives and competencies are addressed? - Yes

Element 4 –
Are evaluation processes and procedures present? - Discussed in a perfunctory fashion
Comments- Student perceptions have been utilized as the basic evaluation tool.

Element 5 –
Presents ways evaluation results are used to improve core curriculum? - Obliquely
Comments- A number of minor changes, beyond changes in the FYLCP, have been made. The relationship between the evaluation process, the evaluation instruments and the reported changes is not clear.
Element 6 -

Describes institution’s plans/program to evaluate student outcomes?- Briefly

Comments- Learning outcomes have not been measured but the need to develop a plan to do so is recognized.

Element 7 - Additional comments

Summary:

Does this report and core curriculum meet the requirements of the state law and the THECB?

YES