University of Central Arkansas, Undergraduate Core Council Minutes for 4 Nov. 2014

Attendance

aa = advised absent

Chairs:

T. Rogers (Bus); C. Smitherman – (FAC); J. Allender – aa (NSM); Mary Harlan – a (HBS); K. Atkins – (ED)

College Reps.:

J. McGarrity (Bus); R. Gatlin-Watts (BUS); S. Gatto (HBS); K. Eskola (HBS); D. Welky (LA); K. Knox (LA); P. Phelps (ED); D. Barnes (ED); C. Watson aa (NSM); Z. Gomez-Kramer (NSM); L. Bowles (FAC); K. Mattson (FAC); C. Olds (UC); P. Smith (Honors)

Student Reps.:

John Hardin (Alpha Chi); Zach Helms – a (SGA)

Ex-Officio

Kurt Boniecki – aa (Assoc. Provost for Instructional Support) Becky Rasnick (Registrar)

Renee LeBeau-Ford (Director of the Library)

J. Held, UCA Core Director presiding

Call to Order @ 1:42 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes from 10.23.14

• Motion to approve 10.23.14 minutes; minutes unanimously approved

Exemptions for Programs in CHBS

- J. Held noted programs unique because upper-division credits earned largely off campus; CHBS students not on campus much during upper-division coursework; concerns about certification and program completion noted; possibility of exemption from upper-division core; J. Held mentioned that discussed with E. Fox, Chair of DHS and Provost Runge; discussion ensued
- Motion to exempt all 3 programs (BS in Medical Technology; BS in Nuclear Medicine Technology; BS in Radiography); motion seconded; discussion ensued
- General agreement that future such cases should be addressed on case-by-case basis; J. Held explained that if programs petition the result would be case-by-case decision on questions of exemption
- Vote passed unanimously to exempt all 3 programs (i.e., BS in Medical Technology; BS in Nuclear Medicine Technology; BS in Radiography)

Curriculum Committee Reports

- Committee 1: Geography 1320; discussion ensued
 - o Unanimous vote to approve Committee 1 recommendation
- Committee 2: HBST 1377; discussion ensued
 - Unanimous vote to approve Committee 2 recommendation
- Committee 3: BIOL 4285, 4425, and 4465; discussion ensued
 - Unanimous vote to approve Committee 3 recommendations

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NEW BUSINESS

New Committee Assignments

• J. Held stated no new proposals to distribute to committees at this time; more proposals (e.g., from Geography) likely to follow

Undergraduate Core Rubrics

- UCA Rubric Committee provided overview on process
- J. Held explained that rubrics being clearly delineated helps strengthen assessment of undergraduate core classes; discussion ensued
- Some specific points of concern about wording:
 - 1) Question about "Cultural Worldview Frameworks" on Diversity Rubric B; discussion ensued
 - 2) Question about lack of detail on Responsible Living Rubric B; discussion ensued
- J. Held noted 2 Core Council meetings remaining this semester; thus, substantive changes to language on undergraduate core rubrics should be shared before our the final fall semester meeting (Dec. 2nd)
- General agreement that suggested changes to rubric language should be raised and discussed in email correspondence

Remaining Fall Semester Meetings

• Remaining meetings scheduled for x-periods on 20 Nov. and 2 Dec.

Meeting adjourned @ 2:38 pm

Minutes by K. Mattson, Core Council Secretary AY 2014-15