

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, CORE COUNCIL minutes: 2/2/16 (attendance: aa = advised absent)

Chairs

Jim Downey (BUS); Carey Clark (FAC); Jeff Allender (NSM); Wendy Lucas (LA); Emogene Fox (HBS); Kathleen Atkins (ED)

College Reps

Mike Ellis (BUS); Rebecca Gatlin-Watts (BUS); Susan Gatto (HBS); Kim Eskola (HBS) aa; Sonya Fritz (LA); Katelyn Knox (LA) aa; Michael Mills (ED); Debbie Barnes (ED); Charles Watson (NSM); Vacant (NSM); Laura Bowles (FAC); Kyle Mattson (FAC)

Honors/University College

Carl Olds (UC); Patricia Smith (Honors)

Student Reps (invited)

Vacant (Alpha Chi); Nakita Higgins (SGA)

Ex-Officio

Kurt Boniecki, Assoc. Provost for Instructional Support; Renee LeBeau-Ford (or proxy), Director of Library; Becky Rasnick, Registrar; Dr. Camille Shepherd, Director of Assessment

J. Held, UCA Core Director presiding

Call to Order in LIB 206 @ 1:41

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes from 12.1.15

- Motion raised and seconded (S. Gatto raised and L. Bowles seconded) to approve 12.1.15 minutes; minutes unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Assessment Update

- New Director of Assessment: Dr. Camille Shepherd introduced by J. Held and K. Boniecki.
- Reminder: Spring 2016 Plan for Assessment; J. Held noted that new director of assessment has been given details of current situation.

FYS Bulletin Language (see Council of Deans' Recommendation)

- J. Held provided update of ongoing work on FYS Bulletin Language. Working with advising and departments is a key order of business going forward. Brief discussion ensued.

UC Core Course Proposals

- **EDUC 2310** – J. Held provided overview of this course proposal. Noted that provost is interested in this idea of developing sophomores into peer-mentors in the program (College of Education, Office of the Dean). Would fulfill Responsible Living category of LD Core. Pilot phase in Fall 2016 and again in Spring 2017 (then make a determination of scale from that point). Question asked about personnel designated to cover the course; noted that key faculty not identified in proposal. Discussion ensued. Unanimously approved.
- **MATH 1395** – Info item change of course name from Business Calculus to Business Math. (No vote needed.)
- **CHIN 4110** – Vote to approve proposal (unanimously approved).
- **GEOG 3315** – J. Allender shared context for this course, which requires a written component. This applies to Effective Communication category of UD Core. Discussion ensued. Vote to approve proposal (unanimously approved).
- **PSYC 4377** – J. Held explained that this proposal seeks designation for UD Core designation at both Diversity and Responsible Living. Clear concerns expressed about Responsible Living designation. Some felt that some revision needed to proceed with request for Responsible Living designation. Motion to send back with comments. Unanimously approved. (Needs revision if intended to proceed with Responsible Living designation; sense of committee that more detail needed to approve for that designation.)
- **ENGL 13XX** – A course in Literature and Social Responsibility seeking LD Responsible Living designation and FYS designation. Noted that Registrar should be contacted to secure pre-approval for a course number before submitting proposal. Vote to approve proposal (unanimously approved).
- **PHYS 1400** – Information items.
- **PHYS 1401** – Information items.

Updates from Subcommittees

- FYS Subcommittee (no updates at this time)
- Assessment Subcommittee (no updates at this time)

Questions/Concerns

Next Meeting March 1, 2016

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 2:25 pm