

## UCA Core Council / General Education Council Minutes – February 20, 2014

### **Members Present:**

Kim Eskola (CAR – KPED)  
Katelyn Knox (Coll of Lib Arts)  
Joe McGarrity (Coll of Bus)  
Carl Olds (CAR – Film)  
Jordan Payson (SGA)  
Patty Phelps (Coll of Ed)  
Cindy Shelton (CAR – Health Sciences)  
Carey Smitherman (Coll of FAC)  
Kenny Stice (SGA)  
Mary Beth Sullivan (CAR – Poli Sci)

Joanna Castner-Post (Ex-officio, GEC Chair)  
Wendy Castro (Ex-officio, Dir of Assessment)  
Renee LeBeau-Ford (Ex-officio, Library)

### **Members Absent:**

Jim Deitrick (CAR – Phil & Rel)  
Susan Gatto (Coll of HBS)  
Charles Watson (Coll of NSM)  
Dave Welky (CAR – History)  
Kurt Bonecki (Ex-officio, Provost's Office)

### **AGENDA for Feb. 20 Meeting:**

- 1. Approval of Minutes**
- 2. Curriculum Review Committee I:** Jim Deitrick (Chair), Mary Beth Sullivan, Carl Olds, and Jordan Payson. Report on Mass Communication and Theatre upper-division Core proposals.
- 3. Curriculum Review Committee II:** David Welky (Chair), Kim Eskola, Cindy Shelton, and Kenny Stice. Report on Nutrition upper-division Core proposals, perhaps with a call to vote.
- 4. Curriculum Review Committee III:** Joe McGarrity (Chair), Katelyn Knox, and Susan Gatto. Kinesiology upper-division Core proposals.
- 5. Curriculum Review Committee IV:** Carey Smitherman (Chair), Charles Watson, and Patty Phelps. Writing upper-division Core proposals.
- 6. Discussion of the Proficiency Profile** (Wendy Castro and Joanna Castner Post).
- 7. Academic Advising Concern** (Sciences and Math First-Year Requirement)

### **1. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from Jan meeting (Smitherman) with **SECOND** (Eskola)  
Minutes from Jan meeting **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

### **2. Curriculum Review Committee I:**

**MUSIC** – withdrew courses from consideration for Responsible Living  
**MOTION** to approve other courses (Olds) with **SECOND** (Sullivan)  
**UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

### **3. Curriculum Review Committee II:**

**WORLD LANGUAGE COURSES** – subcommittee has some issues with FYS proposals (seem too narrow)  
**MOTION** to approve LALS 3300 as upper division course in DIVERSITY (Eskola) with **SECOND** (Shelton)  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

discussion ensued about shell courses for special topics/travel courses that could be used across colleges  
led to discussion about FYS courses needing redesign, with shell classes perhaps  
problems with students not having available FYS classes  
questions about a more broadly-based FYS class

**WORLD LANGUAGE** –

**MOTION** to approve LALS 2300/2310 for Lower Division (Eskola) with **SECOND** (Shelton), but NOT as an FYS course  
discussion ensued about whether we have too many courses – answer was that departments and courses will be  
reevaluated as the assessment of courses starts  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **4. Curriculum Review Committee III:**

**PSYCHOLOGY COURSES –MOTION** to approve PSYC 4340 as Upper Division Diversity I course (Knox) with **SECOND**  
(McGarrity)  
**MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **5. Curriculum Review Committee IV:**

**CHEMISTRY COURSES** – working with department on Capstone course proposal, nothing final yet

#### **6. Discussion of Proficiency Profile (no intention to vote)**

recap of previous discussion concerns: doesn't measure what UCA Core does, expensive, etc.  
questions about needing to discuss with constituencies  
if nothing is done, then we will continue using it (previously approved for use by previous GEC vote)  
current council would need to vote to end the use

**MOTION** to end use of Proficiency Profile to assess UCA Core curriculum (Olds) with **SECOND** (Eskola)  
**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **7. Academic Advising concerns**

discussion started by Leigh Ann DenHartog, Director of Advising  
advisors are having problems with UCA Core requirement that math and science classes need to be taken in the first year  
asking for change to first two years so that they ask for fewer exceptions  
current freshman required to take FYS, Composition, Math, and Lab Science

**MOTION** to change requirement for math and science to first two years (?) with **SECOND** (?)  
**MOTION PASSED WITH ONE DISSENTING VOTE** (Olds)

second advising issue – transfer students required to take FYS course if they transfer with under 30 hours  
hard to find FYS sections for these students  
can we create a 1-hour course for students with almost 30 hours?  
discussion about University Studies, a current 1-hour course  
how will this fit into the 120 hour max?  
meeting ended with issue unresolved and no vote

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**