

Minutes  
University of Central Arkansas UCA Core Council  
Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
1:40 p.m. – Library Conference Room, LIB 206

- I. Call to Order
  1. Held calls the meeting to order at 1:40 pm
- II. Consideration of Minutes for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017
  1. Stephanie Watson makes the motion, Sophie Barnes seconds.
  2. No Discussion
  3. Approved unanimously, with 1 abstention.
- III. Assessment Sub-Committee
  1. Report from Chair, Held (Draft Minutes, Attachment A)
- IV. Curriculum Committee
  1. Report from Chair, Wendy Lucas
    - a. Outstanding Items: PSCI 4334, 4320, and H\_ED 4370
      1. Lucas makes the motion to accept the Sub-Committee's recommendation that these course proposals to add these courses to the UD core be approved. Carey Clark seconds.
        - a. No Discussion
        - b. Approved Unanimously
    - b. New Items: BIOL 4413, CSEC 4490, and Provost Exception
      1. Lucas makes the motion to accept the Sub-Committee's recommendation that these proposals be approved. Carey Clark seconds.
        - a. No Discussion
        - b. Approved Unanimously
  2. Proposals distributed
    - Action Items
      - a. PSCI 3316, 3345, 3355
      - b. PHIL 1375, 3310
      - c. HSC 4314
      - d. GEST 4380
      - e. NURS 4315, 4403
    - Info Items
      - f. HSC 3320
      - g. GEST 4380 (Online delivery)
      - h. NURS 3304, 4525
- V. Questions and Concerns
  1. Wendy Lucas raises the issue of Capstones and their respective placement within departments. The concern seems to be that some departments have multiple capstones which raises some problems. Are these courses true capstones, that is, culminating academic experiences? If so, why have so many in some departments? Would a student who took multiple in one semester be over

burdened? The issues raised point out an important point about the Core as a program and its relation to departmental programs, namely, that UD Core courses need to be intentionally placed within departmental programs to promote the learning objectives of courses as UD Courses and afford students the academic experiences we promise. Held notes that this is an issue that the Assessment Sub-Committee has already begun to discuss and that this will lead to further discussion with departments and chairs about the LD and UD Core, Core courses, and their placement within curricula campus wide.

VI. Adjournment: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018