

## UCA Core Council / General Education Council Minutes – April 1, 2014

### **Members Present:**

Susan Gatto (Coll of HBS)  
Katelyn Knox (Coll of Lib Arts)  
Joe McGarrity (Coll of Bus)  
Carl Olds (CAR – Film)  
Jordan Payson (SGA)  
Cindy Shelton (CAR – Health Sciences)  
Carey Smitherman (Coll of FAC)  
Charles Watson (Coll of NSM)  
Dave Welky (CAR – History)

Wendy Castro (Ex-officio, Dir of Assessment)  
Renee LeBeau-Ford (Ex-officio, Library)

### **Members Absent:**

Jim Deitrick (CAR – Phil & Rel)  
Kim Eskola (CAR – KPED)  
Patty Phelps (Coll of Ed)  
Kenny Stice (SGA)  
Mary Beth Sullivan (CAR – Poli Sci)

Kurt Bonecki (Ex-officio, Interim Director)

### **AGENDA for Apr. 1 Meeting:**

- I. Approval of the Minutes from February 20, 2014**
- II. Committee Reports**
  - A. Curriculum Review Committee I**
  - B. Curriculum Review Committee II**
  - C. Curriculum Review Committee III**
  - D. Curriculum Review Committee IV**
- 1. Action Item: Chemistry Capstone Proposal**
- III. Discussion**
  - A. Process for Revising the Rubrics**
  - B. Study Abroad Core Courses (McGarrity)**

### **Pre-Agenda Item**

UCA Core Council observed a moment of silence to commemorate Joanna Castner Post and all that she did for the university and for the UCA Core

### **I. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** to approve minutes from Feb 20 meeting (McGarrity) with SECOND (Smitherman) corrections to minutes: new chairs for subcommittees (Sullivan, Eskola, Knox, and Gatto) with Watson and Gatto switching committees; added names to motion (Smitherman) and second (Eskola) to math/science proposal

Question about item not addressed in 2/20 meeting not being on current agenda—will be put on agenda at later date

Minutes from 2/20 meeting **UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with 1 abstention** (Watson)

## **II. Curriculum Review Committees:**

- A. CC I:** Mass Comm proposals haven't been looked at by committee, should be to Sullivan soon
- B. CC II:** were dealing with WLAN proposals, which were resolved at last meeting
- C. CC III:** after passing PSYC class, nothing is on the docket
- D. CC IV:** working on CHEM capstone proposal, made revisions with assistance of Dr. Desrochers  
**MOTION** to approve (Gatto) with **SECOND** (McGarrity) – **CHEM Capstone course approved by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

NURS program Upper Division package is done and will be sent soon  
not many departments left to do

## **III. Discussion Topics:**

### **1. REVISING THE RUBRICS**

a Task Force is being created to meet this summer and collect feedback on the rubrics being piloted  
their mission is to recommend revisions to bring before Core Council in the fall  
so that revised rubrics are ready to collect real data this fall

fear is that the Task Force may want to change Learning Outcomes that had been voted in by GEC

why the timeframe crunch? this needs to happen over the summer  
Joanna was pulling this together, TF will only make recommendations to the Core Council

TF will consist of some Core Council members, some not (chaired by Kurt Boneicki, Noel Campbell – College of Business, Susan Gatto – College of Health Sciences, Wendy Lucas – Liberal Arts, Rick Tarkka – Natural Sciences, need Fine Arts & Comm member)

Stephanie Watson has been gathering feedback from people using current versions of rubrics

these rubrics need to be revised NOW in order to gather meaningful data

should these rubrics be ANALYTIC or WHOLISTIC in nature??

GEC hasn't communicated rubric expectations (4-yr growth rather than 1-class growth) well to faculty. For instance, freshmen should be scoring 1s and 2s, not 3s and 4s

question raised about an elected body being subverted by a handpicked Task Force? will GEC have time to fully deliberate on TF recommendations or should GEC be doing this?

we have 2 semesters of trials – the rubrics need desperately to be tweaked

**MEETING ADJOURNED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**