

University of Central Arkansas
Undergraduate Core Council
Minutes for 18 Sept. 2014

Attendance

aa = advised absent

Chairs:

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

College Representatives:

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

Ex-Officio

Kurt Boniecki (Assoc. Provost for Instructional Support)

Becky Rasnick (Registrar)

Renee LeBeau-Ford (Director of the Library)

J. Held, UCA Core Director presiding

Call to Order @ 1:40 pm

Introduction to the New Core Council

UCA Core Director's Vision for the Year Ahead

NEEDS

Upper Division Core courses

- Approx. 8 programs currently awaiting review; others may follow
- Discussion ensued

Assessment Rubrics

- Aim to complete for Spring 2015
- Report from K. Boniecki planned for 7 Oct. Core Council Meeting

OTHER WORK

Syllabus Language

- Need for boilerplate (shared language), which addresses UCA Core values (Diversity, D; Critical Inquiry, I; Communication, C; Responsible Living, R), that instructors can add to syllabi
- Discussion ensued

FYS (First Year Seminar) and IDC (Instructional Development Center)

- Creating FYS "shell" courses as alternative to repurposing existing courses
- Discussion ensued

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Fall Schedule of Courses

- Meeting twice a month in Fall 2014 to accommodate new expedited review forms
- Discussion ensued

Volunteer as UCA Core Council Secretary

- K. Mattson (FAC) volunteered
- Approved by acclamation

Curriculum Review Committees

- Discussion ensued.
- 3 committees w/ 6 members per committee approved
- Distribution of proposals based on number and labor intensiveness
- Proposals to be distributed at 7 Oct. Core Council meeting
- Room for next meeting yet to be decided

Meeting adjourned @ 2:30 pm