

Minutes
UCA Core Council
March 7th, 2017

- 1) February minutes reviewed and approved
 - a. Gale moves, Lucas seconds. Pass unanimously, with 2 abstentions.

- 2) Assessment subcommittee
 - a. Listening sessions on the new assessment process (next week)
 - b. Emails sent next week with RSVP
 - c. Facilitated by Dr. Held and Combs
 - d. Dr. Combs will present initial Fall 2016 data at subsequent meeting.

- 3) FYS subcommittee
 - a. Peer mentor project will be expanded for Fall 2017
 - o Move from 7 sections to 20 sections represented
 - o Ample faculty volunteers (Thx: Amy Baldwin)
 - o List of approximately 35 students who have expressed interest
 - o Held to solicit from FYS students
 - o Information meeting scheduled
 - b. Working with Amy Hawkins and Mike Casey for FYS recognition track.

- 4) Curriculum subcommittee
 - a. Dr. Knox presents curriculum sub-committee report.
 - b. Recommendations without issue: HIST 1399, HIST 4398, ENGL 1373, PHIL 1373, PSYC 3361
 - c. Issues HIST 4V91 special topics become "special topics" (e.g., independent study) moved to 3 new topics classes HIST 4324, HIST 4334 (no core), HIST 4344. While courses were approved on own merit, subcommittee did raise issue of # of classes any given department may have in the core and at which levels.
 - o Held addressed 2 issues in terms of #: (1) possible need for quota so we can avoid territorial issues and stacking of classes, and (2) are departments being intentional in designating classes for core.
 - This may be addressed with curriculum map currently being built in assessment office in coordination with core director.
 - Core director is also drafting Core Handbook to guide our review and fit and intentionality of courses in Core in terms of an audit.
 - Conversation about fit of curriculum subcommittee for auditing and removal of classes from core when necessary.
 - Assessment results may also provide guidance.
 - o History courses approved, all in favor.
 - d. EXSS 3348 - subcommittee requested more robust assignment directions. Department revised and submitted. 3 votes in opposition in subcommittee due to ethics tie-in within well-being rubric and 4 votes in favor.
 - o Approved by core council, all in favor. Revised proposal to be sent to Dr. Boniecki.
 - e. MUS 42XX - subcommittee requested more robust assignment directions. Department revised and submitted. 2 votes in opposition in subcommittee with 5 votes in favor
 - o Core Council approved.

- f. MUS 4VXX - subcommittee requested more information and revision based on subcommittee recommendations to include more reflection on well-being in a formalized assignment. Now assignment includes 5-part project across semester to include core components. Subcommittee vote 4 for and 3 against. Committee moved to table proposal. Held and Knox will meet with music department to discuss continued concerns.
- 5) Adjournment at 2:30.