

Minutes
University of Central Arkansas UCA Core Council
Thursday, November 20th, 2014
1:40 p.m. – Room 110: Irby Hall

Attendance

aa = advised absent

Chairs:

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

College Reps.:

J. McGarrity – aa (Bus); R. Gatlin-Watts (BUS); S. Gatto (HBS); K. Eskola (HBS); D.
Welky (LA);

K. Knox – aa (LA); P. Phelps (ED); D. Barnes (ED); C. Watson (NSM); Z. Gomez-
Kramer – aa (NSM);

L. Bowles – aa (FAC); K. Mattson – aa (FAC); C. Olds (UC); P. Smith – a (Honors)

Student Reps.:

John Hardin (Alpha Chi); Zach Helms –(SGA)

Ex-Officio

Kurt Boniecki – a (Assoc. Provost for Instructional Support)

Becky Rasnick (Registrar)

Renee LeBeau-Ford – a (Director of the Library)

- I. Meeting Moved to Irby 114 due to scheduling conflict.
- II. Call to Order
 - a. Held calls the meeting to order at 1:40

- III. Approval of the Minutes from the 11-04-2014 meeting
 - a. Eskola moves to approve, Olds seconds.
 - b. Correction offered by Rogers.
 - c. Minutes approved unanimously with the correction.

- IV. New Committee Assignments
 - a. Curriculum Committee I
 - i. GEOG UD Core Package (Full): GEOG 3301, 3303, 3305, 3315, 3318, 3325, 3333, 3335, 3345, 3346, 3351, 3371, 3380, 3381, 4304, 4313, 4390, 4391
 - b. Curriculum Committee II
 - i. THEA 4300; BIOL 1410; ILS 3380, 4380
 - c. Curriculum Committee III
 - i. Comp Sci UD core package: MATH 3320; CSCI 3360; CSCI 3370; CSCI 4315; CSCI 4490
 - ii. Discussion: Held asks the committee to consider the integrity of the core program. CSCI's proposal for diversity seems to

misunderstand or fail to respect the intent and spirit behind the diversity goal. In order to maintain the integrity of the character of the core we need to be stewards of these values.

1. Discussion ensues.

V. Curriculum Committee Reports

a. Curriculum Committee II: Communication

- i. Committee II recommends approval of the full package from Communication.
 1. Allender moves to accept committee II's recommendation, Smitherman seconds.
 2. Council votes unanimously to accept committee II's recommendation.

VI. Discussion on Core Rubrics

a. Revision to Responsible Living Goal B Rubric

- i. Consideration of proposals from Eskola and Rogers. Revised to a new three outcome rubric to be disseminated and voted on at the Dec 2nd meeting along with the full task force recommendation.

b. Discussion of the revised FYS rubric.

- i. Discussion about the problem in general with the FYS rubric.
 1. It doesn't carry over into capstones so we can't assess progress.
 2. It's knowledge based, not skill based so we can't track progress. Should have a check list instead.
 3. General concerns about it.
 - a. Held reminds the council that we can't start from scratch at this point. A revised FYS rubric will work better, and we can revisit the very idea of an FYS rubric later on.
 - b. Discussion ensues.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourns at approximately 2:35 pm.