

November 1, 2016. Core Council

1. Minutes approved. All in favor
2. Introduction of Brandon Combs
3. Assessment Report
  - Review of newly released Assessment of the Lower-Division UCA Core Fall 2015: A report presented to the UCA Core Council (K. Boniecki)
  - Assessment subcommittee will review prior to semester break to interpret data and begin to make recommendations.
4. Notice that FYS Subcommittee will also be scheduled to meet prior to semester break
5. Curriculum subcommittee
  - Information item: BIO 1400/01/02 submitted documentation that their courses would convert to online format. As content remains the same, curriculum committee simply took information under advisement without vote
  - Information item: FACS 3456 submitted documentation to remove existing communication designation. Their plan is to reclassify FACS 3456 as a capstone (Z) course and are moving to do so with this as their first step. Curriculum committee simply took information under advisement without vote
  - FACS 3311: Action item to add communication goal A to serve as FACS UD Core in place of FACS 3456 (see item above). Curriculum subcommittee approved without concern but did recommend correction of a few typos. D. Barnes did raise a concern that the rubric identified for the assessment was a rubric internal to the class and not a Core rubric. She felt that the Core rubric should also be included with the assignment and in the syllabus and identified as the primary or secondary rubric (without grade) to avoid confusion and faculty turnover. J. Held noted that department chairs were tasked with making sure faculty teaching in the core assessed on the core rubrics regardless of if rubrics were present in the syllabus. Katelyn Knox moved to approve, Carey Clark seconded. Motion carried.
  - UNIV 1330: Action item to add Responsible Living Rubric B (SS) to their FYS. Curriculum subcommittee approved without concern. Katelyn Knox moved to approve, Carey Clark seconded. Motion carried.
  - ENGR 4312: Action item to designate course as capstone (Z) course. Curriculum subcommittee approved without concern. Katelyn Knox moved to approve, Ron Novy seconded. Motion carried.
  - Katelyn Knox gave an update on the music departments proposals which are being revised and will be resubmitted in the next month.
  - Jacob Held noted that the curriculum subcommittee had a large number of proposals to consider for the next meeting. He also noted that all proposals received after this point would be held for the spring semester.
6. SGA Representative Justin Gilbreath gave report from SGA inquiry into student perception of the core.
  - Students appear happier with the core now than in previous years

- Students, particularly undeclared majors, have expressed a need for help determining future career goals. SGA wonders if this should be included in FYS curriculum. J. Held reviewed that the core is aware of this dynamic and several initiatives are in place to support these students to include: UNIV 1330 and the pilot of the FYS Sophomore mentoring project. The FYS Subcommittee will also take this suggestion under further advisement.
- Some students expressed concern about the core requirements being “waived” for some students. J. Held countered that the core requirements cannot be waived but that in the transition to the core some substitutions may have been granted leading to some confusion. This issue should be diminished now that the Core is fully operational.

7. Call for adjournment.