

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS, CORE COUNCIL minutes: 11/3/15 (attendance: aa = advised absent)

Chairs

Jim Downey (BUS); Carey Clark (FAC); Jeff Allender (NSM); Wendy Lucas (LA); Emogene Fox (HBS); Kathleen Atkins (ED)

College Reps

Mike Ellis (BUS); Rebecca Gatlin-Watts (BUS); Susan Gatto (HBS); Kim Eskola (HBS); Sonya Fritz (LA); Katelyn Knox (LA); Michael Mills (ED), a; Debbie Barnes (ED), aa; Charles Watson (NSM); Vacant (NSM); Laura Bowles (FAC); Kyle Mattson (FAC)

Honors/University College

Carl Olds (UC); Patricia Smith (Honors), aa

Student Reps (invited)

Vacant (Alpha Chi); Nakita Higgins (SGA), a

Ex-Officio

Kurt Boniecki, Assoc. Provost for Instructional Support; Renee LeBeau-Ford (or proxy), Director of Library; Becky Rasnick, Registrar

Visitors

None present

J. Held, UCA Core Director presiding

Call to Order in LIB 206 @ 1:42 pm

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Minutes from 10.6.15

- Motion raised and seconded to approve 10.6.15 minutes; unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum Proposals

- HONC 3320
 - J. Held explained that Honors College is trying to get their Upper-Div Core properly coded. Request for Oxford tutorial to be coded as I and C on the Core designations. Move and seconded to approve; unanimously approved.

Subcommittee Updates

- Committees on FYS:
 - J. Held raised concern that First-Year (FY) students arriving at UCA with concurrent enrollment credits could potentially arrive with more than 30 credits, thus allowing some to avoid taking a First-Year Seminar. Needed change to receive transfer students without taking FYS while insuring that FY students complete requirement.
 - FYS language: K. Boniecki recommended care with any language change due to impact on existing language in the catalog. Some problematic terminology identified: "residence credit" and "concurrent credit." Discussion ensued.
 - To clarify, the concern is that "concurrent credit" cannot be presented in a way that prevents it from being recognized as "residence credit."
 - Discussion ensued. Some language attempted.
 - Continue to look at language. Recommend appropriate language and vote during Dec. 1 meeting.
 - Shells, Volunteers
 - J. Held noted approval of a shell course numbering system (e.g., 1376 as a number could be used across all departments who create a shell for that FYS outcome). Discussion ensued.
 - Committee on Assessment (Downey)
 - Committee plans to meet next Mon., Nov. 9 to discuss reducing the overall complexity of assessment system for Lower-Division and Upper-Division courses.

Follow-up on J. Wittig re: Social Science credits

- Committee update on FYS (Held)
 - J. Held explained that the committee discussed making it optional for transfer students to take either Diversity in World Cultures or Responsible Living course. Under such a regimen, transfer students would no longer be required to take such a course. To handle this change, the committee recommends giving J. Wittig the ability to code Degree Works so that it allows this approach. Discussion ensued. Motion raised, seconded and unanimously approved to support language J. Held read in session. J. Held will submit the proper curriculum form to request final approval of this language.

Next Meeting Dec. 1, 2015

MEETING ADJOURNED @ 2:30 pm