

University of Central Arkansas
Undergraduate Core Council
Minutes for 7 Oct. 2014

Attendance

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Chairs:

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

College Reps.:

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

Student Reps.:

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

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

Meeting Overview

- Motion raised and seconded to pass 18 Sept. 2014 minutes pending corrected date information; minutes approved unanimously
- J. Held reiterated that various documents were distributed electronically for discussion by subcommittees at next scheduled meeting; discussion ensued
- Membership of subcommittees reviewed and approved; subcommittee areas assigned and proposals to be distributed electronically; subcommittee chairs selected and approved by appellation; internal subcommittee governance to be determined primarily by subcommittees; advice from past Core Council members shared; discussion ensued
- Subcommittee Chairs as follows: K. Knox (Comm I); Carl Olds (Comm II); S. Gatto (Comm III)
- J. Held noted that College of Liberal Arts yet without a chair for UCA Core Council
- Nov. 4 agreed on for next scheduled Core Council meeting; electronic meeting between subcommittee members, committee chairs, and UCA Core Director scheduled for Oct. 23

UCA Core: Rubric Task Force Report & Recommendations (K. Boniecki)

- Hard copies of report distributed
- K. Boniecki introduced report for discussion at next scheduled meeting (Nov. 4); noted that guiding principal of task force to reduce confusion, improve clarity, and increase distinctiveness of lower- and upper-division course rubrics
- J. Held requested breakdown from K. Boniecki for new members of Core Council

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- K. Boniecki stated that UCA Core Council (former UCA Gen Ed Council) relied on the piloted rubrics to collect data from lower- and upper-division courses in Spring 2014.
- J. Held explained that it will be the Core Council's responsibility to accept the Rubric Task Force recommendations or suggest changes
- Question raised whether old rubrics would continue to be used for piloted upper-division core courses; J. Held and K. Boniecki agreed that until recommendations of the Rubric Task Force go through review, it would only be fair to departments for the existing rubrics to be used in piloted upper-division core rubrics; discussion ensued
- K. Boniecki explained that the total time-to-completion for piloting all UCA Core upper- and lower-division courses would likely be 4 years

Meeting adjourned @ 2:21 pm

Minutes by K. Mattson, Core Council Secretary AY 2014-15