

Minutes
University of Central Arkansas UCA Core Council
Tuesday, March 1st, 2016
1:40 p.m. – Library Conference Room, LIB 206

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of the Minutes from the 02-02-2016 meeting
 - a. Downey makes the motion, Allender seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
- III. Information Items
 - a. Core bulletin language
 - 1. Held explains the rationale for the bulletin language. Discussion ensues.
 - b. MCOM 1300
 - c. MCOM 3301
 - d. JOUR 3308
 - e. HIST 2302
 - f. HIST 2301
 - g. HIST 1320
 - h. HIST 1310
 - i. ACCT 3326
 - j. PHIL 2305
- IV. Action Items
 - a. ANTH 4360
 - 1. Gatto moves, Fritz seconds. Approved unanimously.
 - b. ENGL 33XX
 - 1. Downey moves, Gatto seconds. Approved unanimously.
 - c. ENGL 43XX
 - 1. Downey moves, Olds seconds. Approved Unanimously.
 - d. PSYC 4377 (Resubmitted)
 - 1. Olds moves to reject the proposal, Downey seconds. Rejected unanimously.
 - a. Diversity criteria appears to be minimally met, however the rationale for inclusion in the UD Core as a responsible living course is unconvincing, nor does the assignment seem to adequately engage the responsible living criteria.
 - e. ELSE 4307
 - 1. Downey moves to table, Eskola seconds. Clarification is sought on the rationale to include this in the UD Core as a responsible living course. Will

be handled via email. Motion to table passes with all in favor save for 2 in opposition, and 1 abstention.

- V. Assessment Sub-Committee Update
 - a. No time for consideration.
- VI. FYS Sub-Committee Update
 - a. No time for consideration.
- VII. Questions and Concerns
 - a. During discussion of IV. d above, the issue was raised by Downey about articulating clear criteria for our expectations regarding admittance into the UCA Core. Downey noted that this issue has been raised several times in the past by Held. Both Downey and Eskola indicated the criteria for admittance to the LD Core may differ from that of the UD Core. The courses in the LD Core seem to be formative, developing a foundation in the competency area, whereas courses in the UD Core are summative, applying and evaluating the skills and competencies at the end of a student's career at UCA. Held concurs that clear criteria need to be articulated and promulgated to set clear expectations regarding what the core is and what core courses are meant to accomplish. Discussion ensues.
- VIII. Adjournment
 - a. Next meeting is April 5th, 2016