

Minutes  
University of Central Arkansas UCA Core Council  
Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
1:40 p.m. – Library Conference Room, LIB 206

- I. Call to Order
- II. Consideration of Minutes for April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018
  1. W. Lucas moves, S. Watson seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously with 2 abstentions.
- III. Assessment Sub-Committee
  1. Report from Chair
- IV. Curriculum Sub-Committee
  1. Report from Chair
    - a. Action Item:
      1. HIST 1330, NURS 4315, RN-BSN requirements
        - a. W. Lucas moves (unanimous approval in sub-committee), M. Connolly seconds. No discussion. Approved Unanimously
      2. HIST 4372, PSYC 4351
        - a. W. Lucas moves (Committee requested additional info, was provided, was satisfied.) R. Novy seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
      3. CSCI 4320
        - a. W Lucas Moves (A lot of back and forth with CSCI re Goals and satisfying them) L. Bowles seconds. Discussion: Decided to move to RL Goal A instead of B. Closer fit. Concerns that assignments were lacking in terms of addressing diversity and ethics. Held reasserts that UD courses are about providing an opportunity to demonstrate mastery, that's the point of the 20% rule, not necessarily about developing the skill itself. Further discussion. Approved, all present in favor with 2 abstentions.
    - b. Info Item:
      4. Nursing
      5. History
      6. HIST 1330 (On-Line-Hybrid)
  2. Proposals to be distributed
    - a. Action Items
      1. RELG 3300, PHIL 3331, RELG 3332, RELG 3342, RELG 2300, RELG 2332, RELG 2333, RELG 3333

2. All will be uploaded to Google Drive, but will not be considered until fall 2018.
- V. FYS Sub-Committee
  1. Report from Chair
- VI. Curriculum Form
  1. W. Lucas moves, S. Barnes seconds. No discussion. Unanimously approved.
- VII. Director's Proposal: Resolution on "Lock Down and Audit of LD Core"
  1. S. Watson moves. S. O'Connell seconds. Discussion
    - a. Points brought up in discussion:
      1. Should the hold apply to all LD Core proposals, additions, removals, and shifts? Discussion addresses pros and cons on all iterations of a hold, with the main point of contention being that a full lock down may preclude departments from complying with external accrediting body's requests to alter curriculum. The issue is resolved by the proposal to add an addendum to the lock down allowing the Director to review emergency cases on an ad hoc basis and determine if they should move forward for Council consideration.
      2. Question is raised about whether this is intended to remove courses from the LD Core. Held reasserts that the intention is to bring curricular coherence to the Core via an audit/oversight process, and the lock down is crucial to keep the Core constant through that process. The process will ultimately result in assessment of courses' fittingness to the LD Core category in which they are placed and will be used to facilitate conversations with departments about course fittingness. But departments instigate all proposals. We will presume all participants are acting in good faith, and want to offer the best possible educational experience to our students consistent with Core outcomes and standards. That's the point of the audit; to ensure quality in the curriculum, and begin conversations across campus.
    2. Vote: Approved unanimously.
- VIII. Questions and Concerns
- IX. Adjournment: Meetings will resume Fall 2018