

Minutes

FYS sub-committee of the UCA Core Council

Tuesday, October 9th, 2018

X-period, Wingo 211

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Discuss the current status of the evaluation of FYS courses at UCA
 - a. The data
 - i. Received all the requested data from IR. Indicate clear benefit re: SAP
 1. Yet what this specifically tells us is unclear. FYS don't provide a uniform experience so what this measures is indeterminable.
 2. Zach Smith raises the issue of why we need the data. All the best studies show FYS style courses are beneficial, so we should obviously be doing this.
 3. Rose McGarrity raised the possibility of a student survey. This would allow us insight into student experiences, what they found valuable or not, and help us tailor the FYS experience at UCA to UCA students. She also noted that she can get SGA support to get this out and help with response rate so the data is reliable and representative.
 - a. Held will look into survey possibilities. (Explorance can handle this.)
- 3) To do: in order to continue to make progress, and concern voiced by Zach Smith and echoed by the committee as a whole, Held will create and share two google docs. One from the survey, the other to determine goals and outcomes for FYS courses. The first will help us get the data we need for design. The second will help the committee to articulate the full argument for the value of FYS course and how they ought to be distributed across campus. Held emphasized that the committee should have something to bring to the Core Council in Spring.
- 4) Next meeting is Tuesday, November 13th at x-period in Wingo 211.