

Minutes  
University of Central Arkansas UCA Core Council  
Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
1:40 p.m. – Library Conference Room, LIB 206

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Held calls the meeting to order at approximately 1:40 pm.
- II. Consideration of minutes from December 04, 2018 meeting
  - a. S. Watson moves to approve the minutes, C. Little seconds. No discussion.  
Minutes are approved unanimously.
- III. Assessment update
  - a. Communication update
    - a. Held updates the Council on Fall semester and the process moving ahead for Spring 2019. With A. McEntire on leave, recording of oral presentations may be more difficult. Can create an ad hoc sample as needed.
  - b. Critical Inquiry Sessions in Spring '19: All sessions in Burdick 215
    - a. Goal A: March 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:00; March 7<sup>th</sup>, X-period
    - b. Goal B: March 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:00; March 26<sup>th</sup>, x-period
    - c. Goal C: April 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00; April 18<sup>th</sup>, x-period
  - c. Diversity report Spring '19:
    - a. March 27<sup>th</sup>, 3:00; March 28<sup>th</sup>, x-period (Business Auditorium)
    - b. April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3:00; April 4<sup>th</sup>, x-period (Doyme Health Auditorium)
  - d. Held will relate these dates to all relevant parties.
- IV. Assessment Sub-Committee
  - a. Reports (Appendices A-E) and Motions
  - b. Held opens with brief reminder in terms of the LD Core audit/review, its intention and the process.
    - a. PHIL 2325
    - b. ACAD 1300
    - c. EXSS 1320
    - d. FINA 2330
      1. As the only “negative” review. Held iterates the procedure as well as the rationale of the sub-committee for the negative evaluation. Discussion ensues.
      2. J. Gale raises issue regarding the assurance argument. Wants to make sure we are not applying an overly strict or double standard to courses that “fail” in relation to courses that barely “pass” the sub-committee’s review process. Discussion continues. Held reiterates that the point of the review process is continuous improvement in terms of students’ educational experiences.
      3. K. Boniecki notes that the language in the report should be clarified to iterate that the Core Council won’t remove the course unilaterally should it fail to respond to the request for an assurance argument, but instead

will initiate the usual process whereby a course is removed from the UCA Core.

- e. FACS 2341
- V. FYS Sub-Committee
  - a. Report on FYS and Recommendation (Appendix F) and Motion
  - b. Held briefs the Core Council on the report. It is a restatement of our commitment to FYS courses as uniquely valuable, first year seminars, and the sub-committee is asking the Core Council to reaffirm its commitment to FYS courses and charge the sub-committee with making specific recommendations to improve the FYS experience at UCA.
  - c. J. Gale makes the motion, Matt Connolly seconds. Discussion ensues. S. Watson indicates that recommendations need to be thoughtful to not impose an undue burden on delivering FYS sections, for example, should we require all FYS instructors to be certified by means of a CTE recognition track. The vote is unanimous. The report is accepted and the sub-committee charged.
- VI. Curriculum Sub-Committee
  - a. Report from the Chair (C. Clark acting chair)
    - a. Sub-committee recommends approval of BIOL/PHYS 3315; PRLS 3310
    - b. After having received additional materials, sub-committee recommends approval of CRWR 4330; PRLS 4312; HIST 4331
    - c. Clark moves, Connolly seconds. No discussion. Items a and b above approved unanimously.
    - d. GEOG 3305, HIST 4301, and LLLC packet are Information items. No action necessary.
  - b. Items to be distributed:
    - a. H ED 4343
- VII. Your Responsibility in the Core Document (Appendix G)
  - a. Held thanks S Watson for authoring the majority of the document and thanks her for spotting the need for such a document. S Watson notes that before publishing the document on the website or otherwise distributing it the Council of Deans and Academic Council should have a chance to review it. Held concurs and will so distribute it.
  - b. Website update
- VIII. Questions and Concerns
- IX. Adjournment: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th, 2019