

Minutes
University of Central Arkansas UCA Core Council
Tuesday, September 3th, 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. Assessment update
 - a. Held updates the Council on continued assessment practices given the current staffing issues. All is continuing well, even if with some predictable bumps in the road. The search for a new Assessment Specialist will occur this Fall, and assuming a positive result should alleviate current stresses on the system.
- III. Assessment Sub-Committee
 - a. Charge and Staff (Held to set first meeting)
 - a. A key element of the sub-committee's job this semester will be the LD Core Diversity review
 - b. Membership remains the same with the addition of student Bassam-Traore Abdoulaye as new SGA rep:
 - 1. Bernard Chen (CNSM)
 - 2. Zach Smith (CLA)
 - 3. Donna Wake (CoE)
 - 4. Laura Niswonger (CFAC)
 - 5. Laura Hall (CHBS)
 - 6. Stephanie Watson (CoB)
 - 7. Ellen Hostetter (Honors)
 - 8. Bassam-Traore Abdoulaye (Student rep/SGA)
 - 9. Director of Assessment (ex officio)
 - 10. Jacob Held (Chair)
- IV. Curriculum Committee
 - a. Charge and Staff (Staffing was difficult. Need to maintain continuity. Held will contact Dr. Lucas to see that she is willing to continue as chair. Some member terms end this Fall, so will need to be refilled in Spring. In addition, Held will meet with Dr. Lucas to discuss the review of the assurance arguments.)
 - a. Matthew Connolly (CNSM)
 - b. Amy Thompson (CoE)
 - c. Carey Clark (CFAC)
 - d. Steven Tucker (CHBS)
 - e. Stephen Yao (CoB)
 - f. Ron Novy (DST)
 - g. Wendy Lucas (Chair)
 - b. Review of LD Core reviewed courses assurance arguments to begin
 - c. Proposals distributed:
 - a. GEOG 3300
 - b. MUS 3311

- c. ENGL 4363
 - d. USCH 3320
- V. FYS Sub-Committee (Held to set first meeting)
 - a. Charge and Staff
 - a. Jacob Held, Chair
 - b. Ron Novy (DST)
 - c. Bassam-Traore Abdoulaye (SGA)
 - d. Steve Nelson (CoB)
 - e. Jennifer Parrack (CLA)
 - f. Laura Niswonger (CFAC)
 - g. Stephen O'Connell (CNSM)
 - b. Recommendations to be considered. Key focus of the sub-committee this AY will be to review the recommendations and work to implement them.
- VI. Questions and Concerns
 - a. Dr. B. Chen inquired as to whether the new "momentum year" idea would affect FYS courses and course offerings. Held iterated that it would most likely impact the FYS program, and these are conversations he and all involved will need to have moving forward.
- VII. Adjournment: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 1st, 2019