

Agenda

UCA Core Council

Tuesday May 4th, 2021

1:40 pm (On-line)

- I. Call to order: Dr. Held calls the meeting to order at approximately 1:40pm
- II. Consideration of April 6th minutes
 - a. Minutes are approved unanimously, with 2 abstentions
- III. First Year Seminars
 - a. Brief from the FYS working group of the Council on Student Success (CSS): Drs. Lesley Greybeal, Amy Baldwin, Patricia Smith. (See Appendix A)
 - b. Prolonged discussion ensues including:
 - i. Concerns regarding areas that deliver core courses that aren't consistent with the state minimum, e.g. CHBS
 - ii. Concerns about staffing the new FYS proposal with full time faculty
 1. Would it require more lines? Is there capacity in colleges that currently run large sections out of demand, e.g. Business
 - iii. The question is raised: What if we, or the CSS, decide we simply can't run a program like this at UCA presently? Is simply putting FYS on hiatus an option?
 - iv. Changes to the BA and BS degrees are in the works, as are conversations regarding meta-majors. How does this fit in with all those changes?
 - v. Faculty buy-in/support will be crucial to this, especially as the ones that have to deliver whatever these new FYS courses are.
 - vi. One member notes, and I paraphrase, "It seems as though we are saying we don't care what the content is so long as first year students get these success skills. Are we really proposing removing 3 credits of content for 3 credits of required success training?"
 - vii. Discussion is protracted. Dr. Held iterates this is a "wish list" a proposal for an ideal FYS program at UCA. Want Council's feedback as CSS has to deliberate on the appeal and feasibility of this proposal. Dr. Held emphasizes that FYS is a part of Core and so no changes can occur without Council's involvement. This is the beginning of a conversation.
- IV. Assessment sub-committee: Update skipped since previous discussion ran long and curriculum matters needed to be resolved.
- V. Curriculum review sub-committee
 - a. Report from Chair (Dr. Lucas)
 - i. RELG 3380: Dr. Lucas moves to approve, Dr. Watson seconds. No discussion. RELG 3380 is approved to the UD Core as a Capstone course. Vote is unanimous.
 - b. Proposals distributed:
 - i. None
- VI. Core Council Reps: Dr. Held notes: 2021 personnel roll off, and "Thank you!" New reps for fall 2021 are needed. Deans have been contacted, some appointment have been made already.

VII. Questions or Concerns

VIII. Adjourn: Our next will be in fall 2021. In person, most likely.



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