

Minutes

UCA Core Council

Tuesday, December 6th, 2022

1:40 pm, College of Business 100 (Zoom option available)

Attendance (a=absent; p= present; ex=excused)

Chairs: Stephanie Watson (p), Wendy Lucas (p), Stephen O’Connell (p), Dee Lance (p), Debbie Dailey (p)

College Representatives: Steve Nelson (p), Tammy Rogers (p), Sandie Nadelson (p), Kathryn Carroll (p), Jen Talbot (p), Sharon Mason (p), Vincent Price (p), Tracie Rushing (a), Ling Zhang (p), Rachel Cating (p), Ellen Hostetter (p)

Ex-Officio: Kurt Boniecki (p), Rodney Lippard (p), Vicky Summers (p)

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Held calls the meeting to order at 1:40pm
- II. Review minutes from Nov 1st meeting
 - a. T. Rogers moves to accept, S. Nadelson seconds
 - i. No discussion. Approved unanimously, with one abstention.
- III. Motion to Adopt Robert’s Rules of Order revisited:
 - a. “The rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the official operations of the UCA Core Council in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with University Policy or any special rules the Council may adopt.”
 - b. Motion to accept. No discussion. Approved Unanimously.
- IV. Curriculum Review Sub-Committee
 - a. Report from the Chair
 - i. Definitions Revisited
 1. SS: Three definitions are considered: Original, CAHSS, and EFIRM (see below)
 - a. Original: Social sciences (SS) apply scientific methods to analyze the institutions and functioning of human society and the interpersonal relationships and behaviors of individuals as members of society. Social sciences employ quantitative or qualitative measures to empirically analyze phenomena and are often predictive in nature.
 - b. EFIRM: Social sciences use a scientific approach to study the behavior and interpersonal relationships of individuals, groups, and institutions within human society. The scientific approach of the social sciences may be characterized by: 1) building models that generate predictions of human behavior, 2) using statistical methodologies to verify these models with empirical

data, and 3) continuing to further develop or modify these models based upon empirical statistical results and new observations.

- c. CAHSS: The social sciences seek to understand human experience and endeavors through applying scientific methods to study social processes, institutions, and relationships among individuals and groups. Social sciences employ empirical observation and analysis in investigating their subjects and are often descriptive and predictive in nature.

2. Discussion ensues. “Frankenstein” Definition is crafted: “Social sciences (SS) use the scientific method to study the behavior and interpersonal relationships of individuals, groups, and institutions within human society. The scientific approach of the social sciences may be characterized by quantitative or qualitative measures that empirically analyze phenomena by, for example, using statistical methodologies to verify descriptive or predictive models with empirical data.”

3. Frankenstein definition is put forward and approved unanimously.

4. Tabled proposals will be considered for the February meeting using the new definition. (COMM 2308, PRLS 2305, WRTG 2325)

ii. All remaining action items carry over to February. FA/HUM definitions will be considered in Spring 2023.

iii. Items distributed in December: HIST 3351; 4360; 4390

V. Assessment sub-committee

a. LD Core Diversity report

b. LD Core review report

c. Both approved unanimously.

VI. Adjourn: Next meeting is Feb 7, 2023