

Minutes

UCA Core Council

Tuesday, March 4th, 2025

1:40 pm, CoB Room 100 (Zoom option available)

- I. Approval of Minutes from February 4th
 - a. Demers moves to approve, O'Connell seconds. No discussion. Passes unanimously.
- II. Curriculum Review Sub-Committee (Watson acting as proxy Chair)
 - a. Items to be reviewed:
 - i. MUS 1340 and MUS 2300
 1. Required additional info to demonstrate alignment. Info was received, and sub-committee satisfied. Move to accept. Smith seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
 - ii. MATH 3311
 - iii. MATH 3381_4395
 1. Both Math proposals required further information. It was not received in time to be reviewed before the Council meeting. These will be revisited in the April meeting.
 - b. Items distributed:
 - i. SPAN 2320 Info
 - ii. SPAN/FREN/CHIN 1373 FYS proposals (to FYS committee via Amy Baldwin)
 - iii. Film (bulletin language)
 - iv. MSIT 4325 Info
 - c. Discussion: Capstone 20%/3 Outcome requirement
 - i. Recognizing that a requirement that each Goal (2 for Comm and 1 for Critical Inquiry) be required to, independently, demonstrate a 20% assignment results in a de facto 60% requirement for the course as a whole, and accepting that this is overly demanding and untenable, the Council entertained a discussion about how to more properly apply the 20% rule. Held notes that the 20% rule is intentional insofar as it is a demand that "substantive" work be done with respect to the Core outcomes such that the artifact chosen will provide opportunity for a student to demonstrate mastery, but also that the 20% number is arbitrary insofar as it is not a necessary or sufficient condition for assuring that is the case. Thus, the Council agreed to the following interpretation: *The 20% requirement in non-exclusionary, that is, the assignment(s) used to demonstrate alignment to UCA Core goals may count towards multiple Core goals, so long as each outcome of each goal is addressed and the design of the assignment provides the opportunity for the student to score a 4 (exemplary) on the rubric for each outcome.*
- III. Adjourn: Next meeting is April 1st, 2025