

Minutes

UCA Core Council

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025

1:00 pm, CoB Room 100 (Zoom option available)

- I. Approval of Minutes from April 1st
 - a. O'Connell moves, Novy seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
- II. Curriculum Review Sub-Committee
 - a. Items to be reviewed:
 - i. SPAN/FREN/CHIN 1373 FYS proposals (to FYS committee via Amy Baldwin)
 1. Had been tabled awaiting some revisions and clarifications. Baldwin notes her committee has received those. Lucas seconds the recommendation. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
 - ii. Math proposals
 1. MATH 3311 for UD Core Goal B, Math 4391 for UD Core Capstone (Z). Were awaiting additional information. Lucas moves to accept, O'Connell seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
 - iii. CHEM 3450
 1. To be added to UD Core as RL goal B, and CI goal C. Lucas moves, Massey seconds. No discussion. Approved unanimously.
 - iv. ENGR 4101
 1. Add to UD Core under RL goal B. Lucas moves, O'Connell seconds. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.
 - v. HIST 4372
 1. Add to UD Core under Effective Communication goal A. Lucas moves, O'Connell seconds. No Discussion. Approved unanimously.
 - b. Dr. Held item for consideration: Moratorium on all additions to UCA Core
 - i. Proposal: Given the recent developments in the state with regard to the 35 hour state minimum core, and that we await the report from the external reviewers, Dr. Held moves to place a full moratorium on any additions to the UCA Core (LD and UD) for the foreseeable future.
 - ii. Official language/declaration: "The UCA Core Council shall institute a moratorium on all curricular action items proposing to add courses to either the lower division or upper division of the UCA Core, with the singular exception being for such proposals which have been passed by departmental curriculum committees prior to this vote."
 1. Held moves, Lucas seconds. Discussion surrounding wording of the moratorium to be specifically targeted to action items, with an effective date recognizing items may be in the "pipeline" currently. The wording above reflects that conversation. No additional discussion. Passes unanimously.

- iii. All current proposals under consideration have been resolved as of the meeting today.
- c. Review of Dr. Watson's instructional videos: Feedback
 - i. The videos were viewed, all agreed they were well done and quite helpful. Thank you, Dr. Watson! Held will download them and link them through the UCA Core website.
- III. FYS: update on attachment B (Baldwin)
 - a. Baldwin explained the changes to the forms. The changes were approved unanimously by the council. Dr. Boniecki will post a revised version.
- IV. Assessment update: External review and next steps.
 - a. Held noted that we will have the reviewer reports by July 1st. The Council will be charged with writing a "Response" and developing a plan on addressing pressing needs. This work will occur during AY 25-26.
- V. Adjourn: Thanks to those of you rolling off. Faculty Senate will be handling staffing replacements. Our next meeting will be in fall 25. (September 2nd)