

Core Council
10/3/2016

Attendance

Belinda Blevins-Knabe
Nickolas Jovanovic
Michael DeAngelis
Mark Funk
Rebecca Street
Tusty ten Bensel
Brian Mitchell
Linda Stauffer
Elizabeth Davidson

Absent

Joe Felan

Ex Officio

Malissa Mathis
Pattie McCord
Ross Bradley

Guests

Melissa Hardeman

1. Minutes from 9/26/2016 Approved

2. Discussion of Math Core Courses

- Reconsider number of Math courses in core?
- UCA has a similar approach and they are accessing all of their Math core classes
- Most schools have a way to meet requirements by credit by examination

Math Core Issues

- Nationwide all Engineering undergraduate programs start with Calculus I. Placement in course is done by testing not off ACT. If students want to start with Calculus I, they must take ACCUPLACER test with UALR Testing Services.
- Students can take AP class in high school.
- If under old Core, how do students meet core requirements if they place in Calculus I and not the other core Math classes?
 - All Math courses that students could possibly take as their first Math course are part of the Core, but why there are so many Math courses in the Core currently.

- Currently UALR students do not get credit by ACT score for math. Foreign Languages does retroactive credit if successful in higher-level course.
 - Students must make B or higher to get retroactive credit in the higher course. The department determines the particular grade. There is a departmental meeting on 10/4/2016 and this will be discussed.
- Possibility for CLEP test and Core. If student does not pass CLEP test, student does not get Core credit.
 - This penalizes the best students.
 - CLEP test is expensive and penalize students by making them pay.
- Transfer students are not required to submit ACT scores. They usually take COMPASS test.
- To do retroactive credit like World Languages the policy would have to be revised.
 - Research process for this policy change.
- Discussion of keeping Calculus I in the list of core courses or removing it
- Consider the possibility of having the math requirement that was College Algebra, QMR, or a higher-level math course.
- To propose changes in the core Math class the Math department would submit a proposal to the Core Council and then the Core Council would bring the proposal before Faculty Senate.