

Core Council Minutes
11/20/2017

Attendance

Core Council Members

Belinda Blevins-Knabe
Linda Stauffer
Elizabeth Sloan Davidson
Rebecca Streett
Hirak Patangia
Michael DeAngelis
Mark Funk

Absent

Joe Felan
Tusty ten Bensel
Brian Mitchell
Ross Bradley (Provost Office)

1. 11/13/2017 Minutes Approved
2. Open House
 - a. Prior to the open house each liaison should review CAAC report and look for typos
 - b. We will announce Skills 1 reports (Skills 2 for Communication-Written and Flex Communication-Spoken) are ready
3. We need our own web site. This would allow us an easily remembered web address and also more flexibility in organizing the space.
4. Role and Scope statement (see below) for the Assessment Central web site.
5. Discussion of core logo
 - a. Need to define what we want
 - b. Have a student design logo
6. Party on 12/4/2017-Riveria Maya
7. 1/22/2018 first meeting of next year

Core Council Role and Scope

The *Council on Core Curriculum and Policies* (Core Council) is an elected Council of the Faculty Senate. This Council was formed by Faculty Senate legislation in the fall of 2013 (FS_2013_2). The charge to this Council was to "...maintain criteria and approve courses for inclusion and retention in the UALR Core Curriculum" (http://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2014/01/FS_2013_2.-Council-on-Core-Curriculum-and-Policies.pdf).

The UA Little Rock Core Curriculum includes the following areas:

Science
Communication-Written
Fine Arts
Social Sciences
US History/Government
History of Civilization
Humanities
Mathematics
Communication-Speech

The following educational goals are addressed in multiple areas of the core:

Skills

1. Communication (oral, written, visual, second language; professional self-presentation).
2. Critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and solving problems individually and collaboratively.
3. Information technology (locating, retrieving, evaluating, synthesizing).

Knowledge

1. The concepts, methodologies, findings, and applications of mathematics and the social and natural sciences, engineering and technology.
2. The concepts, methodologies, and the global cultural heritage of the arts and humanities.

Values

1. Ethical behavior and personal responsibility.
2. Civic responsibility.
3. Global and cultural understanding.

See: <http://ualr.edu/facultysenate/files/2013/12/Educational-Goals-by-Curricular-Area-03-01-2017.pdf>

Assessment is a key to continuously monitoring both the effectiveness and continued health and development of these general education requirements as well as student learning. Each curricular area is represented by a Curricular Area Assessment Committee (CAAC) which guides the implementation of assessment. All courses within a curricular area are assigned common educational goals and learning outcomes which ensures a level of consistency within courses in a curricular area, facilitating the process of assessment.