

Council of Deans
May 9, 2012

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 9, 2012. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Clay Arnold, Mike Casey, Neil Hattlestad, Maurice Lee, Rollin Potter, Diana Pounder, and Laura Young. Elaine McNiece was absent.

Lee requested information about logistics for the retreat and related costs. Lee and other deans indicated they would prefer to pay their own expenses. Discussion followed. Runge informed the council that he had been invited to participate in a panel discussion in Little Rock Thursday morning and would be arriving at the retreat late. It was decided to have a software demonstration during the morning and start discussions of assessment in the afternoon.

Runge: (1) discussed the search for a new chair of SPARC and asked deans to send recommendations; (2) requested a prioritized list from each college or unit of capital needs by June 1; (3) informed the council of a May 18 retention meeting and invited them to attend; (4) stated that the UCA Foundation has stopped making direct cash payments to people, not including reimbursements, hence awards to students and faculty have to run through the same process as state fund disbursement; (5) reported that the General Education Task Force will meet with him this afternoon to receive their charge; (6) reminded the council to make sure contracts have routing forms and that all signatures have been gathered before sending to the Office of the Provost; (7) asked the college deans to begin thinking about 8-week course offerings that can commence half-way through the fall and spring to assist students who need to drop a course, but will lose a scholarship due to diminished hours. Students being able to pick up a course mid-semester could help retention, and he urged deans to think creatively.

An extensive discussion of position requests was held. Each member of the Council of Deans presented the needs of the individual college and/or unit and work was undertaken to reduce the dollar amount of the requests. The information received will be compiled and presented at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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