

Council of Deans March 6, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am, Wednesday, March 6, 2013. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Kurt Boniecki, Elaine McNiece, Mike Casey, Diana Pounder, Neil Hattlestad, Maurice Lee, Steve Addison, Rollin Potter and Laura Young.

Guests: Wendy Castro and Amber Hall

Amber Hall presented reports on KPIs and Peer and Aspirant Institutions. Discussion followed. Runge asked Hall to flip the degrees awarded portion on the report to the top and move NSSE scores to the bottom of the report. Runge asked everyone to send comments or concerns to Amber before the next council meeting so it may be presented to the Executive Staff.

McNiece distributed minutes from the February 21st Graduate Council meeting. McNiece moved to recommend approval of new course H ED 6354 Issues & Research in Women's Health. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved to recommend approval of replacement of the Middle Level track with the Teacher Leadership track in the Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership (ASTL) MSE degree and changes in the Graduate Bulletin description for ASTL. Pounder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece reminded everyone to submit program requests as soon as possible since the Graduate Council will have just two more meetings this year. McNiece also distributed minutes from the February 26th University Research Council meeting.

Boniecki distributed minutes from the February 19th Undergraduate Council meeting. Boniecki moved to recommend approval of six STEM Education new minor courses. Addison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved to recommend approval of the College of Liberal Arts revision of the residency requirement for the AA in General Studies degree and align to new UCA Core. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved to recommend approval of the Mass Communication and Theater's three requests. Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved to recommend approval of the Physics Department curriculum changes to update the Core required for all tracks in the Physics B.S. program along with alignment to each of the tracks to accommodate the changes in the Core. Addison seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Castro announced there will not be any EAR reports .

Announcements

Runge announced (1) annual report deadlines: July 15, 2013 due from departments. August 15, 2013 due from Colleges. The term of the reports is January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. Each Dean will need to collect college level data and make a report, not just a compilation or summary of the department reports (2) send articulation agreements to Kurt (3) Deans need to meet with their counterparts at Pulaski Technical College (4) COB is looking to partner with Falcon Jet to develop an

Executive Trainer program (5) there are still some degree programs above the 120 hour cap – those need to get adjusted to CORE – we have until June 30, 2014 to finalize (6) Faculty Senate chose not to endorse the Diversity Advisory Committee report to the President. They will generate their own report. Send your feedback to our representative - Dean Lee (7) meeting today with Gail McClure from ASTA to look at Science and Technology Plans for Arkansas (8) COB Dean Search is finished and will meet with chairs and advisory board members to gather recommendations.

Dean Reports

Glenn announced he is serving on the state board to develop statewide reverse transfer agreements with 2 year schools – moving to 18 instead of 24 credits. Some discussion about moving remediation to two year schools – this would hurt freshmen enrollment, but would help the retention rate.

Boniecki requested names of faculty interested in working with MOOCs. We are also looking at “i Tunes U” which has a very powerful course delivery – and its free.

McNiece mentioned errors in material for some online courses – those need to be corrected and aligned with the Undergraduate Bulletin. The URC has awarded 8 summer stipends. Requests for student research must be submitted before spring break. Sponsored Programs made a few revisions to their administrative policies (1) Effort Certification and minimum effort requirements (2) no cost extension for sponsored grants and contracts (3) Sponsored project closeout (4) voluntary summer effort contributions by faculty to meet mandatory cost sharing requirements and (5) additional compensation from external grants and contracts.

Potter thanked those involved with the Statewide Spelling Bee – he will offer those same dates for next year’s Bee competition.

Young announced the recent hire of Clay Eubank as Associate Registrar. Also, plans to have a “live streaming” of commencement exercises.

Runge asked everyone to be on the lookout for summer school schedules. Also, working on a comprehensive analysis of faculty workloads.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am

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