

Council of Deans
September 11, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Michael Hargis, Diana Pounder, Terry Wright, Art Gillaspay, Gary McCullough, Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, and Laura Young. Peter Mehl represented Maurice Lee. Wendy Lucas and Jonathan Glenn were present for part of the meeting.

A motion was made by McCullough to approve the COD minutes from August 28, 2013. Pounder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Minutes were approved as circulated,

Runge informed council members that three dean searches are being undertaken this fall including the dean of the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences, dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and dean of the Graduate School. The process for selecting dean search committees has begun, and Runge hopes to have new deans in place by July 1, 2014.

Runge led a discussion of online course issues that included (1) authentication of student identity; (2) after hours technical support; (3) pros and cons of development and marketing in-house opposed to an outside firm. Several deans agreed to research solutions and options.

Lucas joined the meeting at 9:45.

Announcements

Runge: (1) reminded college deans to invite him to chair meetings to discuss programs of distinction; (2) informed the council of the Board of Trustees teleconference meeting this Friday, 9/13 at 1:30 and an on campus Board meeting on September 24 at 2:00 pm; (3) reminded all of Minority First Year Student dinner tonight in the SCBR at 5:30 pm (4) announced that Angela Webster-Smith will recruit minority faculty again this year at the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring in Arlington, Virginia, and, because of our participation in this institute, UCA has access to a database of minority graduates to use for recruiting purposes; (5) stated that the HLC Focused Visit Report is on the BOT agenda for October 11; (6) discussed AVID week (October 7-11) activities and events which will showcase Academic Vitality.

Runge expressed his appreciation of the considerable work that Glenn has done preparing the HLC Focused Visit Report. He asked COD members to stress to personnel in their colleges/areas of the importance of our preparation for the November 11 and 12 visit.

Runge shared information from a recent meeting with bookstore management and indicated that a representative from the bookstore will attend an upcoming COD meeting.

Lucas distributed an information sheet from NILOA (National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment), which was designed to provide current students with useful career data from recent graduates. Lucas also announced upcoming information nights hosted by the Admissions Staff.

Runge reminded council members to submit on their SBAC proposals requests for positions such as a college advisor that could attend these types of recruiting events.

Dean Reports

Glenn joined the meeting at 11:05 am

Mehl announced a visit on September 30 from the scholar-in-residence for civic engagement.

Wright asked about standardized voting procedures on campus. Lucas mentioned that Smart Evals has a voting component that could be used. Discussion followed.

Runge shared information about the allocation of funds from summer sessions.

Young will send data to help prepare for this year's divisional request to SBAC. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 pm

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