Council of Deans January 23, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:30 am, Wednesday, January 23, 2013. Laura Young presided, and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Mike Casey, Jonathan Glenn, Neil Hattlestad, Elaine McNiece, Maurice Lee, Rollin Potter, and Diana Pounder. Steve Runge was absent. Wendy Castro joined the meeting at 10:30.

Dustin Summey and Kristy Carter were present to discuss marketing for on-line course options. Summey distributed information he gathered from researching various marketing options and online support for course delivery and development. Discussion followed. Carter indicated that Outreach is working on marketing initiatives to gauge student interest in on line courses. The guests left at 10:15.

McNiece presented the Graduate Council minutes of January 17. Glenn pointed out that online programs will go to the Board of Trustees, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, and the Arkansas Department of Education for licensure. The COD endorsed the minutes without exception.

Hattlestad distributed information on the National Conference of Academic Deans. Need to consider a replacement for him since UCA has kept it going for 13 years. Department chairs are eligible especially if they aspire to deanship.

Young reminded the deans of the timeline for UCA Core implementation. Discussion was held regarding grandfathered and expedited courses along with first year seminar courses. Young stated that there will be an internal search for a new Director of the UCA Core (general education).

Announcements

Young: (1) announced that Senator Jason Rapert will be on campus Friday at 1pm; (2) reminded all of the Campus Talk at X period January 29; and (3) asked deans to send information to Shelley Mehl for a Foundation email blast.

Deans Reports

Glenn said that Jane Andis is coordinating the implementation of DegreeWorks. He also indicated that there may be changes to senior college requirement for two year schools since transfer articulation agreements may require other than 60 hours for an associate degree.

Lee shared the names of candidates who will be interviewed for the CHBS Deanship. He also reported that AP students from Conway, Greenbrier, and other schools will meet on campus this spring as they did last fall.

Potter mentioned the need for a stronger Arkansas Deans Association.

Addison (1) reported that UCA has signed a contract with NMSI; (2) announced that several UCA STEM students' posters will be presented at the Capitol on February 6; (3) reported that the COB Deanship search committee interviewed 9 candidates via Skype.

Castro announced the Academic Assessment Committee will go live soon with the assessment handbook.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

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