

Council of Deans
October 2, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2013. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Art Gillaspay, Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Gary McCullough, Diana Pounder, Terry Wright, and Laura Young. Maurice Lee was represented by Clay Arnold, and Wendy Lucas was absent.

1. Bookstore representatives, TJ McDonald and John Albertson, attended to inform the council of updates with regard to book requests and other service areas of the bookstore. Discussion followed.
2. The COD minutes of September 25 were approved as amended.
3. McCullough presented the Graduate Council minutes of September 19. There were no action items. An information item regarding X grades was discussed.
4. Boniecki presented nine Short Term Study Abroad program overviews. One was denied due to a travel warning issued in that particular country. Others were accepted with some clarification needed.
5. Young distributed a draft academic calendar from fall of 2015 through summer of 2016.
6. Pounder discussed the effects of the government shut down on grants.
7. Announcements
 - a. College deans: submit reassigned time data to Institutional Research
 - b. Arkansas Supreme Court on campus October
 - c. Family Day, October 12
 - d. Association of Future Alumni tailgate at Buffalo on Saturday
 - e. Diversity Committee nominees still needed
 - f. Building emergency drills upcoming
 - g. Draft of virtual tour video, deans should review their sections
 - h. AVID Week Oct. 7-11, Academic Vitality panel discussion, Tuesday at X-period / Ice Cream Social follows at 3:00 on McAlister front lawn
Diversity Student panel discussion, Thursday, 11:00 in SC Ballroom
 - i. Developing task force to explore campus-based childcare in Arkansas
 - j. Interactive light art in Alumni Circle (*The Pool*) and Simon Park (*The Laser Chandelier*) begins tomorrow
 - k. Update on dean searches
 - l. Higher Learning Commission, on campus November 11 and 12
 - m. Update regarding non-discrimination policy
8. Dean Reports

Glenn: reported on the adjunct laptop pool, more information is forthcoming; stated that IT is developing a project plan for open labs using thin client methods.

Boniecki: shared information about an International Baccalaureate program in Hot Springs; reminded members to send their IB course recommendations by October 28, so he can compile into one document to be considered by the council on October 30.

McCullough: announced that Sponsored Programs has had \$3 million in grant money awarded in the first quarter; is meeting soon with associate deans to discuss research priorities.

Wright: reminded all that the Bear Memorial and Massey Sculpture will be dedicated at 3:00, and that the Cassatt String Quartet will perform tomorrow night.

Addison reported on recent college fairs he attended and recruiting efforts by other universities.

Runge distributed an updated organizational chart for Academic Affairs. It will soon be posted on the division's homepage.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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