The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:02am on Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Diana Pounder, Kurt Boniecki, Gary McCullough, Art Gillaspy, Terry Wright, Steve Addison, and Laura Young. Clay Arnold attended in Maurice Lee’s absence.

1. The CoD minutes of April 30, 2014, were unanimously approved.

2. Action items of the April 17, 2014, meeting of the UCA Core Council/General Education Council were considered. Action items were addressed as follows:

   a. Core Council recommendation to approve upper division proposals for the BA/BS in Digital Filmmaking, BA/BS in Journalism, and BA/BS in Theatre. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

   b. Core Council recommendation to approve LALS 2300/2310 as lower division courses. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. C. Arnold seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

   c. Core Council recommendation to approve LALS 3300 as an upper division course. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. C. Arnold seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

   d. Core Council recommendation to approve upper division proposals for the BS in Nursing. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. A. Gillaspy seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

   e. Core Council recommendation to approve BUAD 2301/2302/2303, as lower division courses within the College of Business. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. M. Hargis seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

3. Action items of the April 17, 2014, meeting of the Graduate Council were considered. Action items were addressed as follows:

   a. Graduate Council recommendation to approve change in admission requirements for the Master of Music degree for national accreditation compliance purposes. G. McCullough made a motion to approve. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

   b. Graduate Council recommendation to approve new courses MUS 5101, 5102, and 5103. G. McCullough made a motion to approve. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

   c. Graduate Council recommendation to approve a proposed change to allow discretion with regard to the max number of transfer credits allowed for a second master’s degree
and for transfer from other masters institutions. G. McCullough made a motion to approve. J. Glenn seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the need to ensure that residency requirements are not overridden. The Council of Deans voted to unanimously approve the recommendation on the condition that language is added to state that all standard residency requirements must be met.

4. D. Pounder provided Council members with a copy of the 2014 Educator Preparation Performance Report, which is a new annual report. The Arkansas Department of Education requires all Arkansas education programs to participate. Deans can look at this report and see how test takers performed in the different fields within their respective colleges. D. Pounder encouraged deans to share content knowledge results with their departments. This will allow us to see how our students compare with students from other institutions. Discussion followed.

5. Provost’s Announcements

    a. S. Runge reminded Deans that maintenance and operations (M&O) budgets should not be used for paying salaries.

    b. There will be an exit meeting with the Noel-Levitz consultant at 10:00 a.m. in Wingo 315, and deans are invited to attend.

    c. SOAR sessions began on Monday.

    d. There will be an Academic Council meeting on Friday at 2:00 p.m.

    e. The Provost’s office is in the process of setting up interviews for the UCA Core Director position.

    f. The UCA Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, May 30, 2014, and funding amounts will be known following the meeting.

    g. The next CoD meeting will be Wednesday, June 4, 2014.

    h. Applicant tracking program will go live on May 29, 2014. Deans should look at the website and let Tyra Phillips know if there are any AA1’s on there that are no longer needed. Searches that are in progress will stay with the old system, but new searches will use the new system. Applicant tracking training will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons during the month of June.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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