

Council of Deans
10/22/2014

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:12 a.m., Wednesday, October 22, 2014. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Peter Mehl, Diana Pounder, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison, and Laura Young. Jane Ann Williams was not present due to being out of town.

1. The CoD minutes of October 15, 2014 were approved with minor revisions by a vote of 9-0. T. Wright abstained because he was not present at the October 15th meeting.

2. S. Runge provided council members with an updated copy of the university's textbook/course materials policies document, which reflects current state laws related to textbooks and other materials required in courses. J. Glenn is working to finalize the document, and it will soon be posted on the Academic Affairs website. Discussion followed.

3. S. Runge provided council members with an update on the university's ongoing efforts to finalize several new transfer agreements. Brian Corbin, Director of Transfer Services, successfully facilitated agreements with ASU-Newport, ASU-Mountain Home, and ASU-Beebe. Several other agreements are in the final stages, moving towards completion.

The process for evaluating courses for equivalency has been identified as challenging. S. Runge stated that a centralized database, like those used at several other Arkansas institutions, might prove useful. The database could be used to track all courses that are evaluated so that the information obtained may be used for future evaluations. Discussion followed, and the deans agreed to find out if any departments within their respective colleges have maintained course evaluation data. Any data collected will be sent to the Provost's office.

4. S. Runge provided council members with the first draft of a document provided by Shelley Mehl and Hunter Goodman. The document provides an outline for a proposed comprehensive fundraising campaign that highlights distinctive aspects of the university and may also include distinctive programs or elements within UCA's academic colleges and/or departments. Deans are asked to discuss this topic with their department chairs and bring any feedback received to the next CoD meeting. Discussion followed.

5. S. Runge provided an update on the UCA Online proposal. The proposal is currently being reviewed by President Courtway, and more information should be available soon.

6. S. Runge provided an update on the status of the HLC Steering Committee. J. Glenn will chair the committee. Work is ongoing to establish the committee membership, as well as to establish five subcommittees. More information will be provided soon.

7. S. Runge provided an update on the College of Education Dean search. The search committee met yesterday, received its charge from the Provost, and discussed the wording of

the draft ad. The ad will be finalized and posted soon, and interviews are expected to begin in January 2015.

8. Provosts Announcements:

- a. UCA has been accepted as a member of the Arkansas Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation. President Courtway will serve on the Governing Board, S. Runge will serve on the Coordinating Board, and S. Addison will serve as the Campus Liaison.
- b. The Provost of Longwood University, Dr. Ken Perkins, along with Courtney Hodges, Associate Vice President for University Advancement, visited our campus last week and met with S. Runge to discuss student retention issues. Longwood University has made significant advancements in student retention over the last decade.
- c. S. Runge will meet with Charlotte Green, GT/AP Supervisor for Conway Public Schools, to discuss the school's proposal for a STEM partnership with UCA.
- d. Trustee Victor Green will have his quarterly visit with Academic Affairs on November 5th. The quarterly meeting with Trustee Brad Lacy will be scheduled soon.

9. Member Reports:

- a. D. Pounder reported that state education deans met on Friday with Kate Walsh, Director of the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ). The Deans challenged Dr. Walsh about why NCTQ used largely input measures whereas most accrediting bodies now rely largely on outcome measures. After some discussion, Walsh agreed that there may be some outcome measures available in Arkansas that she had not considered before. It was largely a positive meeting, and D. Pounder stated that it appears that the NCTQ may use a different approach to encourage participation in NCTQ reviews. .
- b. K. Boniecki announced the following upcoming Faculty Development Grant application deadlines: November 30, 2014; January 31, 2015; and March 15, 2015. The deadline for summer funding is April 30, 2015. The standard Faculty Development Grant award will remain \$500; however, faculty should be made aware that more funds are available and any requests for amounts greater than \$500 will be given consideration.
- c. The deadline for nominations for Faculty Emeritus and Distinguished Faculty Emeritus or Honorary Doctorate has been moved to Friday October 31st. S. Bellar will distribute a notice to faculty of this change soon. Also, two Psychology Ph.D students will provide their thesis defenses this week.

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.