

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:04a.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2014. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Diana Pounder, Jane Ann Williams, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, and Laura Young. Ramesh Garimella attended in Steve Addison's absence.

1. The CoD minutes of August 27, 2014 were unanimously approved.
2. Action items of the August 19, 2014, meeting of the Undergraduate Council were considered. Action items were addressed as follows:
 - a. Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve a new BA/BS program in Anthropology. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. M. Lee seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - b. Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve a new BA/BS program in Criminology. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. M. Lee seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
 - c. Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve a new course, GEO 3319 Geographic Field Techniques. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve. R. Garimella seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
3. S. Runge led a discussion regarding the 2015-2016 Academic Calendar, specifically the consideration of a possible Monday start for fall 2015 classes. A Monday start will be in-line with many in-state institutions; however, council members agreed that some factors must be considered before making such a decision. Council members were asked to gather feedback regarding this issue from department chairs before further discussion takes place. Discussion followed.
4. In follow-up of a discussion at a previous meeting of the Council of Deans, S. Runge led a discussion on the identification and development of Programs of Distinction. Council members were reminded to keep this on their radar and continue communication within their respective colleges to develop ideas of how maximize existing resources to build top-notch, recognizable programs. S. Runge expressed a willingness to come back to the colleges and visit with department faculty as well. Discussion followed.
6. Provost's Announcements
 - a. Guests from Brazil will arrive on campus on Friday morning to further work on a partnership between UCA and UNIS University in Brazil. They are sponsoring the 2016 Leaders of the World Conference

- b. Council of Deans members are invited to attend a luncheon with the Brazilian delegation on Monday, September 8th in Wingo 315.
- c. Rick Scott and Patricia Smith will attend the September 10th CoD meeting to share information regarding Distinguished Scholars Day on October 3rd.
- d. Amber Hall will attend the September 10th CoD meeting to provide training on performance funding.
- e. Dr. Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice President for Online Learning at the University of Illinois Springfield will be here on September 23rd in CoB room 107 to provide a presentation on best practices and national trends in online learning. Faculty and academic staff are invited to attend.
- f. The Faculty Senate met last week and invoked a policy that will require both the president and the provost to provide their respective Faculty Senate reports in writing three full days in advance of a Faculty Senate meeting.
- g. A meeting on the Little Rock Nine Opera project will take place this afternoon.
- h. The STEM Coalition Regular meeting will be this Friday in Little Rock. Gubernatorial candidates Mike Ross and Asa Hutchinson have been invited to speak.
- i. University representatives will be touring the Snap-on Tools facility on September 16th.
- j. Position requests were distributed and an overview was provided to council members.

7. Member Reports

- a. D. Pounder announced that the UTeach Scholarship Contest sponsored by STEMTeach UCA, UALR, and UAF, is coming out soon. UCA has agreed to award the winner of the contest with \$2500 for computers and books, as well as \$2500 in scholarship funds.
- b. M. Lee stated that CLA department chairs and staff recently had a productive meeting with Christina Madsen, Associate VP for Communications, Public Relations and Marketing.
- c. J. A. Williams stated that UCA will be hosting international visitors over the next few months, and an information handout will be provided soon so that council members may place the information on their calendars.
- c. K. Boniecki stated that the Undergraduate Council has yet to receive any proposals for upcoming September meeting, and any proposals are due by the end of the week.
- d. J. Ishee stated that he, along with department chairs within CHBS, toured simulation labs last week at Texas Women's University. Information and ideas resulting from the trip may prove beneficial to UCA.
- e. T. Wright stated that the CFAC Dean's Office will be moving soon. Council members will be notified once a location has been determined. Also, CFAC department chairs and staff recently had a productive meeting with Christina Madsen, Associate VP for Communications, Public Relations and Marketing.
- f. L. Young stated that faculty salary letters are currently being finalized and will be going out soon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:29 p.m.