

Council of Deans  
September 14, 2016

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Victoria Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Joan Simon, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Steve Addison and Laura Young. Kelsey Broaddrick, SGA President, and Bryce Woods, SGA Vice President, were present for agenda item number one. Chris Riggins, Assistant Director of Transfer Recruitment, was present for agenda item number two.

- 1) K. Broaddrick and B. Woods introduced themselves to council members and provided an overview of the Student Government Association's goals for AY 2016-2017 and upcoming dates for the SAFA funding application process. David Beale will serve as the primary academic senator this year and will be contacting the academic college deans to set up initial meetings. Discussion followed.
- 2) C. Riggins provided council members with an overview of the Transfer Days planned this fall. A handout was provided. Transfer Days are scheduled for:
  - September 15<sup>th</sup> – ASU Beebe
  - September 27<sup>th</sup> – Pulaski Technical College (main campus)
  - October 17<sup>th</sup> – Pulaski Technical College (south campus)
  - October 18<sup>th</sup> – Northwest AR Community College [date subsequently changed to November 8<sup>th</sup>]
  - October 26<sup>th</sup> – University of AR Community College at MorriltonTransfer Days will provide on-site services in the areas of admission, advising, financial aid, housing, career services, student life, student success, veteran services, etc. to students on these campuses who are interested in transferring to UCA. Representatives of all six academic colleges will also be on hand for the events. Discussion followed.
- 3) The CoD minutes of August 31, 2016 were approved.
- 4) S. Runge led a discussion regarding the Faculty Load Taskforce. The taskforce is chaired by Duston Morris and will soon meet to receive its charge and begin considering:
  - the “normal teaching load” as stated in the Faculty Handbook
  - calculation of loads by department, not by the individual
  - differential work assignments
  - teaching, research and service considerations
  - student mentoring and advising considerations (including research, independent study and internships)
  - graduate-level instruction
  - one size does not fit all situationsDiscussion followed.
- 5) L. Young led a discussion regarding Title IX accommodations for pregnant students in the classroom. Pregnancy is a condition that is covered by Title IX and requires specific accommodations. A handout was provided, and discussion followed regarding responsibilities and options when working to accommodate these students.
- 6) S. Runge led a discussion regarding mid-term grade reporting for freshmen and sophomores through Grades First instead of Banner. Feedback from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee was positive and faculty feedback has been supportive of moving towards Grades

First as the best option. Consensus is for mandatory mid-term grade reporting for all freshmen and student-athletes in Grades First in place of standard mid-term grade reporting in Banner. L. Young will follow-up to determine if the university's Grades First contract offers the capacity to report mid-term grades for sophomores as well.

3) Provost's Announcements:

- The Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) is working on a draft policy for faculty/staff to apply for administrative access to their local computers when appropriate.
- The open Associate General Council position will be posted by the end of this week.
- The Honors College Dean Search Committee was charged and met this past Monday. The committee expects to narrow down the list of candidates by the end of the year and hold interviews in late January – early February.
- The First-to-Go Week campaign is ongoing this week.
- The First-Year Minority and International Student Dinner is scheduled for tomorrow evening.
- Director of Assessment candidate Brandon Combs will be on campus this Thursday and Friday. He is scheduled to have lunch with the CoD at noon Friday.
- The Faculty Handbook Committee is scheduled to begin meeting weekly on Fridays.
- A Faculty Teach-In is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> at x-period on the McAlister Lawn.
- Diversity-After-Hours is scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6pm in McCastlain Fireplace Room.
- The meeting with Northwest AR Community College is scheduled for next Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, in Bentonville.
- A meeting was held with marketing firm Eric, Rob & Isaac last week regarding targeted marketing, and the university has committed \$100,000 for targeted advertising in several areas. A video will be developed for each college, and the videos can be used by the college for promotional purposes.

4) Member Reports:

- M. Lee stated that he recently met with J. Simon and the CLA Council of Chairs to talk about graduate education.
- T. Wright stated that:
  - The Conway Symphony Orchestra will perform an outdoor concert on the Kris Allen Stage in Downtown Conway on Friday night at 7:30pm.
  - The 10<sup>th</sup> annual ArtsFest is scheduled for next week.
  - David Graeve will install his outdoor sculpture on the Torreyson Library lawn at 6:30pm next Thursday night
  - The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will perform in Reynolds Auditorium next Thursday night.
- S. Addison provided a report on the initial fall college fairs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38am