

## **Council of Deans**

**April 12, 2017**

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Vicki Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Joan Simon, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, Stephen Addison and Laura Young. Natalie Flemming and Ashley Pettingill were present for agenda item one.

- 1) Natalie Flemming and Ashley Pettingill presented the 2018 short-term Study Abroad proposals to the Council. The Council discussed the proposals. A motion to approve the 2018 Study Abroad proposals was made and seconded. The Council voted unanimously to approve the proposals.
- 2) The CoD minutes from the April 5, 2017 meeting were considered and approved. V. Groves-Scott abstained.
- 3) Action items of the March 28, 2017 UCA Undergraduate Council were considered as follows:
  - From the Office of the Provost/Registrar, a proposal to remove WP and WF grade options along with the removal of the second withdrawal deadline contingent upon the withdrawal deadline be moved to the Friday of the twelfth week of classes. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The motion passed with nine votes in favor, one vote against, and two abstentions.
  - From the Department of English, a proposal for new course ENGL 1373 FYS in Fine Arts/Humanities to the UCA Core as an Inquiry and Analysis/Humanities course and an FYS course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation, with one abstention, subject to a change in the course name to FYS: Humanities and to a generic course prefix that can be used by multiple departments.
  - From the Department of Health Sciences, a proposal to add HED 1320 Essentials of Health and Wellness to the required content of the Health Education major and to increase the credit hours requirements from 50 to 53. A second proposal was also considered to move HED 3325 Disease Management for Health Promotion from the Required Core Courses to the Required Content Courses for the Health Education major. A motion was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendations.
  - From the Department of Psychology, a proposal to add new course PSYC 3361 Introduction to Media Psychology and to add it as an upper division Core course in Communication. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.

- From the Department of Philosophy and Religion, addition of new course PHIL 1373 FYS in Fine Arts/Humanities to the UCA Core as an Inquiry and Analysis/Humanities course and a FYS course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation, with one abstention, subject to a change in course name to FYS: Humanities and to a generic course prefix that can be used by multiple departments.
  - From the Office of the Provost/University College, a proposal to change the conditions for continued enrollment of conditionally admitted, conditional- prep status, and transfer students. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
  - From the Department of Biology, a proposal to convert BIOL 4100 Field Studies in Biology to BIOL 4V00 variable credit (1-4 hours). A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
  - From the Department of Music, a proposal to add new course MUS 4214 Introduction to Electroacoustic Music to the UCA Core as a Critical Inquiry course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
  - From the Department of Exercise and Sport Science for the BS in Exercise Science, a proposal to add existing course EXSS 3348 Exercise Prescription for General Populations to the UCA Core as a Responsible Living course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
  - From the Department of History, a proposal to add new course HIST 1399 A History of Today: The World Since 1945 to the UCA Core as a Diversity in the World Cultures course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
  - From the Department of History, a proposal to add new course HIST 4324 Topics in American History to the UCA Core as a Critical Inquiry course, a second proposal to add new course HIST 4334 Topics in European History, and a third proposal to add new course HIST 4344 Topics in World History to the UCA Core as a Diversity course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the three recommendations with one abstention.
  - From the Department of History, a proposal to add existing course HIST 4398 The Politics of Sex and Sexuality in Modern East Asia to the UCA Core as a Diversity and Communication course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
- 4) J. Simon provided the Council with a handout of information to consider regarding a previous discussion on the draft Leave of Absence Policy. Discussion followed. The topic was tabled and will be added to the next meeting of the Council of Deans.

#### 5) Provost's Announcements:

- The next meeting of the Council of Deans is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.
- The Council of Deans will not meet on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.
- Board Member E.C. Maltbia will attend the May 3, 2017 Council meeting.
- S. Runge and L. Young met with Student Government Association (SGA) Executives and with the SGA group to discuss a proposed academic calendar including Monday start to the semesters in Academic Year 2020-2021. SGA voted thirty for, five against, and four abstained in favor of this proposal. Faculty Senate took no position on the subject. It was explained that the initiative will add three days to the beginning of the semester and will move Fall Break from Thursday/Friday to Monday/Tuesday. UCA will have a full Welcome Week with Move-In Day on Sunday. The proposal will now be moved to the President's agenda.
- Alix Fink withdrew from the Honors Dean search and the search has failed. An Interim Honors Dean will be appointed for Academic Year 2018.

#### 6) Member Reports:

- M. Hargis stated that the Insurance Wall of Fame Unveiling was yesterday evening. There were approximately 75-100 insurance agents in attendance.
- In addition, M. Hargis reported that one of our MBA teams has been in the Global Top 100 for the past several weeks. This past week (April 9th) the team was ranked 53rd best overall performance out of 2820 teams from 145 colleges and/or universities. This is a great testament to the quality of our students, faculty, and program. The Capstone MBA course focusing on strategic management includes a global simulation (GLO-BUS) where students create a virtual business and make decisions about product lines, marketing, personnel, finance, etc. Teams from colleges and universities across the world compete based on the performance of their businesses against criteria such as market share, growth, earnings per share, return on equity, and stock price.
- M. Lee stated that the College of Liberal Arts' End of Year Reception is scheduled for April 28.
- M. Lee also reported that the College's Research Symposium will be April 26 and 27.
- M. Lee stated that their Honors Convocation is scheduled for April 30.
- V. Groves-Scott stated that the College of Education's End of Year reception was at UCA Downtown last Friday with President Davis in attendance.

- K. Boniecki announced that registration is now open for the National Conference of Academic Deans. This year's theme is "Leading from the Middle". The conference will be July 13-14, 2017 at Brewer Hegeman Conference Center.
- J. Ishee stated that the Occupational Therapy's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event will be Wednesday, April 19, at UCA Downtown.
- J. Ishee also stated that the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences' Spring Reception will be at 4:30 on Thursday, April 27, in Buffalo Hall.
- T. Wright announced that Avenue Q will be performed on campus through next week.
- T. Wright also announced that the MFA graduating class will do a reading at UCA Downtown.
- T. Wright stated that Sleeping Beauty will be performed at Reynolds Performance Hall on Tuesday, April 18.
- S. Addison stated that the annual meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Sciences was held on campus last weekend. Dr. Addison was elected Vice President of the Academy at the business meeting.
- S. Addison mentioned that the CCCS "Off the Clock" event was last night. There was a huge turnout to the event.
- L. Young stated that there have been issues with courses being input by departments into Banner with the incorrect attributes. These problems then have to be manually corrected for each student that took the class in order for Degree Works to properly report the course as meeting a specific degree requirement. Discussion followed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20a.m.