

Council of Deans
April 26, 2017

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 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. Dr. Phillip Bailey was present for item number two.

- 1) The CoD minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting were considered and approved. J. Glenn abstained.
- 2) Dr. Phillip Bailey discussed his upcoming student recruitment trip to Mexico and his plans for the International Engagement office over the next year. He asked that the Deans provide him with a list of programs to promote while on the trip and a list of international projects that are currently on hold. He stated that he would like to meet with department chairs and faculty to discuss projects that each department would like to pursue. He also asked for departmental literature to read in preparation for his upcoming trip.

Dr. Bailey is currently working on proposal for a trip to Bolivia in July. He is interested in getting a list of faculty that travel abroad who could also recruit for UCA while on their trips. S. Runge stated that he is fully supportive of faculty exchanges with partnering international universities.

- 3) Action items of the April 18, 2017 UCA Undergraduate Council were considered as follows:
 - From the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences/Interior Design program, a proposal to change the course credit hours for IDSN 4600 Internship to IDSN 4350. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
 - From the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences/Interior Design program, a proposal for a new course IDSN 3326 Commercial Interior Design II. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
 - From the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures/IEP program, a proposal for new courses IEP 1380 Pathway to College Writing for Non-Native English Speakers and IEP 1370 Pathway to College Reading and Critical Thinking. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation with an amendment listing the courses as a prerequisite or co-requisite to WRTG 1310 Introduction to College Writing with a different course prefix.
 - From the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures/IEP program, a proposal for new course IEP 1170 Public Speaking for Non-Native English Speakers. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.

- From the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures/Japanese program, a proposal for new course JAPN 2340 Intensive Oral Practice Abroad in Japanese. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
 - From the Department of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures, a proposal to allow CHIN 2340, GERM 2340, FREN 2340 and SPAN 2340 to fulfill the BA Foreign Language requirement. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
 - From the Department of Biology, a proposal to add course BIOL 4414 Molecular Mechanisms of Aging to the UCA Core as a Capstone course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
 - From the Department of History/Asian Studies program, a proposal to add new course HIST 2310 Introduction to Asian History to the UCA Core as a Diversity in World Cultures course. A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve the recommendation.
- 4) J. Simon provided the Council with a handout of pertinent information from the Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins, including the Leave of Absence Policy as it was proposed to the Graduate Council in March. The Council discussed the current policies in place versus the proposed policy. Discussion followed about enforcing the current policy. J. Glenn will work with the Graduate School to enforce the current policy.
- 5) S. Runge discussed the current standing of the proposed Monday Start to the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar. Under the proposal, the 2019-2020 calendar would have a Thursday start to the semester and a Monday/Tuesday Fall break instead of a Thursday/Friday break. The proposed draft of the 2020-2021 calendar would add three days to the beginning of the fall term, providing for a Monday start, and the Fall Break would be on Monday/Tuesday. When the proposal was discussed in Faculty Senate in Fall 2016, the Senate took no position. The Provost and Associate Provost, Laura Young, met with the Student Government Association to discuss the Monday Start proposal. SGA voted to approve the proposal with thirty votes in favor of the proposal, five votes against, and four abstentions. The Provost has also met with President Davis, Executive Staff, and Housing, among others, to discuss the proposal before it was presented to the Calendar Committee. Both the 2019-2020 and the 2020-2021 Academic Calendar will not be on the May Board agenda. Instead, it will be considered by the Board at a future meeting in 2017.
- 6) Provost's Announcements:
- The next meeting of the Council of Deans is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. Board Member, E.C. Maltbia, will attend this meeting.

- Graduate Dean candidate, Dr. Jeffrey Holm, will attend the May 10 Council of Deans meeting.
- S. Runge met with President Davis and discussed the proposed changes to the University Withdrawal Policy. He would like to move forward with the changes. The proposal includes eliminating the WP and WF grade options and the last day to drop with a W grade is during the twelfth week of classes.
- There have been several meetings lately in the planning of the Bachelor's program in Cyber Security. This degree will be a collaboration between Computer Science, Management Information Systems, and Political Science. UCA is partnering with Metova on development of a cyber range to move the program forward.
- For the Open Pathway track for HLC, UCA needs to design and implement a Quality Initiative (QI). This will be provided to HLC after our year four paper review. We would like to get the campus involved in the project and plan to build this into professional development opportunities for faculty and staff.

7) Member Reports:

- M. Lee thanked the Provost for the retirement reception that was held in his honor.
- J. Simon stated that FBI Special Agent Garrett spoke with Academic Council and other key administrators about Export Control last Friday. Sponsored Programs appreciates everyone who attended the presentation. They plan to provide future educational opportunities for the campus.
- J. Ishee stated that he and his department chairs visited the LSU-Shreveport School of Allied Health Professions on Monday. The clinic is an interdisciplinary clinic and is something that the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences would like to pursue on behalf of UCA.
- S. Addison stated that the Girls of Power in STEM will be on campus on Friday, April 28. As of Wednesday, they have received 500 applications for the event.
- L. Young provided the faculty inequity review packets to each Dean during the meeting for distribution to the chairs. The reviews are due back to the Deans on May 3 and to the Provost's office on May 10. We will work on allocations by college, and the Deans will be notified of the amounts.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30a.m.