

Council of Deans
June 8, 2017

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 8, 2017. Provost Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Peter Mehl (in the absence of Maurice Lee), Vicki Groves-Scott, Kurt Boniecki, Jacquie Rainey (in the absence of Jimmy Ishee), Terry Wright, Stephen Addison, and Laura Young.

- 1) The CoD minutes from the May 10, 2017 meeting were considered and approved with S. Addison, J. Rainey, and P. Mehl abstaining.
- 2) Two action items of the March 28, 2017 UCA Undergraduate Council meeting were revisited. On April 12, 2017, the Council of Deans voted to approve new course ENGL 1373 FYS in Fine Arts/Humanities and new course PHIL 1373 FYS in Fine Arts/Humanities, subject to a change in course name to FYS: Humanities and to a generic course prefix that can be used by multiple departments. K. Boniecki stated that, after meeting with J. Glenn and Amber Hall, it was deemed impractical to change the course prefix. Discussion followed. The Council voted and approved both new courses to be named FYS: Humanities with the originally proposed prefixes.
- 3) S. Runge stated that there was no feedback received from CoD members regarding preferences on the AP Credit Policy survey sent by ADHE. He led a discussion about UCA's response to the survey. UCA's response will be sent to Marla Strecker at ADHE today.
- 4) Provost's Announcements:
 - The 2018 Research Week responses were compiled and a handout provided to the Council. Discussion followed.
 - The next meeting of the Council of Deans is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2017.
 - S. Runge stated that fall Graduate student admissions has increased but enrollment has decreased. He asked that the Deans look at their colleges' Graduate admissions and enrollments.
- 5) Member Reports:
 - M. Hargis stated that Summer School is booming. The online classes are doing better than the face-to-face classes, but all classes are going well in the College of Business.
 - Peter Mehl stated that Maurice Lee mentioned that he is in discussion with Oklahoma State University regarding housing the Journal of Caribbean Literature.

- K. Boniecki reported that Mike Casey, Jr. had accepted a visiting position in Management Information Systems. The Center for Teaching Excellence will be looking for a new Instructional Designer to fill his vacancy.
- T. Wright stated that UCA has had two cover stories in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette Style page in the past two weeks. The first was a story on the 25-year anniversary of Oxford American and the second, a write-up on Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre.
- S. Addison stated that he attended the NSF Epscor Workshop last week. The keynote speaker, Charles Morgan, spoke on universities not meeting the needs of the state.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.