

**Council of Deans**  
**November 15, 2017**

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Provost Michael Hargis presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Ken Griffin, Peter Mehl, Victoria Groves-Scott, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Angela Barlow, Jacquie Rainey (in the absence of Jimmy Ishee), Gayle Seymour (in the absence of Terry Wright), and Stephen Addison. Amber Hall and Julia Winden-Fey were present for agenda item one.

1. The Council participated in a Gateways to Completion (G2C) webinar. The program focuses on gateway courses that have historically high-failure rates or that have achievement gaps. Discussion followed.
2. The CoD minutes from the November 8, 2017 meeting were considered and approved with J. Rainey and G. Seymour abstaining.
3. The Council discussed the Academic Advising process with a specific focus on academic progress audits and the graduation application process.
4. Member Reports
  - S. Addison reported that there are eight representatives from Tyson's IT department on campus. They conducted 32 interviews on Tuesday with students from the Computer Science and Management Information Systems departments. They are conducting second-round interviews today and extending job offers to the students. The visitors have expressed that this visit has exceeded their expectations and that they would like to come back each semester to conduct future interviews.
  - G. Seymour stated that the School of Communication is sponsoring a journalism panel discussion about the death penalty in Arkansas today at 3:00. At 7:00 p.m., Artist in Residence Curt Tofteland will screen documentary film, *Shakespeare Behind Bars*, with post-screening discussion with the artist.
  - J. Rainey stated that the Nutrition class is planning and will be serving dinner at the senior center on Hogan Road.
  - A. Barlow reminded the Council to send her the names of faculty members who would like to meet with the Grants Resource Center.
  - P. Smith reported that the Honors College will be hosting a campus forum on sexual assault this week.  
The NCHC conference was a success with eight Honors College students attending.  
The Honors College will host its annual Issues in the Public Square symposium event on April 7.

- V. Groves-Scott, Kale Gober, and Ray Simon will be attending a meeting with staff from the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation in December.
- P. Mehl announced that one of the UCA Ethics Bowl teams placed fourth out of 32 and will be going to the national competition.

#### 5. Provost's Announcements

- The Council of Deans will next meet on December 13 at 9:00.
- The upcoming Campus Talk events are scheduled for February 27 and April 3 during x-period.
- Bear Facts Day will be on Friday, December 8. The Board of Trustees will attend the opening event.
- The December 8 Board meeting will be at 1:00 p.m.
- The Council needs to catalogue the use of the Student Success and Retention funds this year. Note how the funds were used and document the results/participation data. This information will be used when requesting future funds.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.