

**Council of Deans**  
**January 24, 2018**

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. 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, Jimmy Ishee, Terry Wright, and Stephen Addison. Jeff Standridge was present for agenda item one.

1. Jeff Standridge provided the Council with an update on The Conductor. In 2017, 3,000 people interacted with The Conductor including 500 K12 and college students. He outlined several upcoming opportunities to engage with the Conductor including Conductor Internships for students, Maker Ambassadors for volunteer opportunities, and Maker Mentors for faculty and professionals with experience in their field.

The Conductor has several upcoming events that were highlighted. The Health Sciences Boot Camp is scheduled for May 20-25. Submissions for the National Collegiate Venture Competition are being accepted January 26-March 4. The 10X Cyber Accelerator 20-week program begins January 24.

2. The minutes from the January 10, 2018 meeting were considered and approved with J. Glenn abstaining.
3. Action items from the December 14, 2017 Undergraduate Council meeting were considered as follows:
  - New degree program, the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity;
  - Change FILM 2300 Film Appreciation from the Fine Arts category of the Inquiry and Analysis section of the lower-division UCA Core to the Diversity in Creative Works section;
  - Replace all instances of WLAN 2350 World Languages with LING 2350 World Languages;
  - Allow additional statistics course options for UG majors in CSD: GEOG 2330, MATH 2311, PSCI 2312, QMTH 2330, and SOC 2321;
  - New degree program, the Bachelor of General Studies;
  - New course proposals for NMT 4102 Medical Ethics and Law and NMT 4101 Medical Terminology;
  - Add course PSCI 3382 The Politics of Developing Areas to the upper-division UCA Core as an elective in the Diversity and Effective Communication areas;
  - New course NURS 3405 Essential Nursing Skills;
  - New course NURS 3102 Pharmacology I;

- The following changes to the BSN requirements:
  - Increase the required number of non-nursing credit hours from 55 to 60, and decrease the required number of non-nursing credit hours from 65 to 60;
  - Change the minimum criteria for application to the Nursing Major from 30 to 45 credit hours of pre-requisites;
  - Increase the minimum GPA from a 2.5 to a 2.75 for admission;
  - Add NURS 3102 as required course for pre-licensure BSN degree;
  - Add NURS 3405 as required course for pre-licensure BSN degree;
  - Remove NURS 3201 as required course for pre-licensure BSN degree;
- The following changes in the level and/or credit value of the following courses:
  - NURS 2505 to NURS 3303;
  - NURS 2310 to NURS 3205;
  - NURS 2510 to NURS 3525;
  - NURS 3505 to NURS 3406;
  - NURS 3510 to NURS 3407;
  - NURS 4515 to NURS 4404;
  - NURS 4220 to NURS 4320.

A motion to approve was made and seconded. Discussion followed. The Council voted to approve all action items.

4. The Council discussed 100% Engagement and transcript badging after having reviewed the information that was distributed in last week's meeting. The discussion included the types of activities to badge as well as the assessment of those activities. It was agreed that the departments and colleges will ensure that the students received engaged experiential learning opportunities and that transcript badging will be discussed at a future date.
5. P. Smith discussed the Governor's School application process. The application committee held their first meeting last Wednesday and have set aside Tuesday and Thursday afternoons to build proposals. They are currently working on the curriculum and budget pieces of the application.
6. Member Reports

- J. Glenn reminded the Council that there are required items that must be submitted to the state library. College Annual Reports are included in the list of required items. He will resend the original email from Jimmy Bryant to the Council after today's meeting.

The American Council on Education (ACE) is hosting a webinar next Wednesday at 12:00. The Council is welcome to join those participating in the webinar in Wingo 214.

- K. Griffin reported that the College of Business is heavily involved in recruiting new faculty members.
- P. Mehl reminded the Council that the President's lunch recognizing Washington Center students is today at 12:00.
- V. Groves-Scott stated that the second round of rules for the ADE Teacher Preparation have been published. The original wording on teacher residency has been removed except in one place. The new rules make it clear that district run teacher preparation programs would need to meet the same standards as higher education teacher education programs.
- P. Smith reported that the Honors College is in the middle of application season and is receiving 40 applications per day.
- K. Boniecki stated that, as a result of the transition in student evaluation systems from Smart Eval to eExplorance Blue, some past evaluations are not currently available. Although faculty can access their evaluations from the last term in the new system, eExplorance is currently building full reports. The Office of Assessment is also waiting to get older reports from Smart Eval and will distribute to faculty as soon as they are available. Department Chairs should recognize that the student evaluation question set has changed with the new system. They should notify the department committees that there will be two sets of questions over the next few years.

The Undergraduate Council currently has no action items for their February meeting. If the deans have any items that need to be reviewed by the Undergraduate Council, please submit those items by the end of next week.

- A. Barlow stated that Sponsored Programs' SURF program will host an informational meeting for faculty on Tuesday, March 13, at X-period. Please encourage faculty attendance.
- T. Wright reported that the College of Fine Arts and Communication is conducting a search for a Film Theorist and have had spectacular candidates. The Baum Gallery will open a printmaking exhibition entitled "Pathways" on Thursday that was curated by Art Professor Jessie Hornbrook. Music Professor Jackie Lamar will be performing her final faculty recital on Sunday at 3:00 in Snow Fine Arts. She will be retiring at the end of this semester. The classical quartet, Genghis Barbie, will be performing Monday at 7:30. Science Wednesday is tonight at 6:00 at King's in Conway. The topic will be Travel in Space and Dean Wright will participate in the discussion panel.

## 7. Provost's Announcements

- The next COD meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, at 9:00 a.m.
- Patrick Carmack of the Mathematics department passed away last night. An announcement will go out to campus soon.
- Academic Affairs will announce the passing of any UCA employees but asks that the departments prepare the email that will go out to campus.

- Reassigned Time requests are due to the Provost's office on February 7.
- The Opening Session schedule will have some changes this year. A formal convocation will be held on Wednesday morning before the faculty meetings with colleges and departments. Please encourage faculty attendance.
- Divisions will be able to make one-time budget requests in early February. There will be a short deadline. Please limit each college's requests to no more than two items.
- The Deans will receive their budget requests for FY19 early next week. Changes to these budgets will be base requests and will be a reallocation of unused funds within a college or department to other areas of need within that college or department.
- The International Engagement director search committee is being assembled. Jonathan Glenn has agreed to chair the search committee which will be made up of one International Engagement representative and several members of the Study Abroad committee.
- The Provost Search Committee has not yet seen the applications but will receive and discuss them soon.
- Bear Facts Day is this Saturday.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.