

Council of Deans

April 18, 2018

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 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. Courtney Bryant was present for item one.

1. Courtney Bryant, Director of Admissions, spoke with the Council about the proposed placement standards as it relates to the admissions process. The discussion focused on: (1) how to communicate the new standards with the potential students and their parents, and (2) how the new placement standards would influence out-of-state tuition waivers and scholarship qualifications. Discussion followed.
2. K. Boniecki led a discussion about the previously tabled Undergraduate Council items (UNIV 0361, MATH 1360, MATH 1390, and WRTG 1310). The Council discussed the items that were presented by C. Bryant and about the data that was presented during the April 11, 2018 Council of Deans meeting. The above items remain tabled; the Council agreed to revisit the discussion after additional analysis are completed and we have more information about the interplay between placement standards and out-of-state tuition waivers.
3. The minutes from the April 11, 2018 meeting were discussed and approved.
4. K. Boniecki led a discussion about special degree requirements. The Council discussed the feedback that they have received from their department chairs. They also discussed the appropriate process for review of any changes to the special degree requirements. The Council will continue discussion about the best process to solicit involvement prior to any changes being submitted to the Undergraduate Council. The discussion will resume at the upcoming deans retreat.
5. Member Reports
 - K. Griffin reminded the Council that the College of Business will host their student research day on Thursday. He received word from Anthony McMullen that the UCA Debate Team finished in first place at the national competition.
 - P. Mehl stated that the College of Liberal Arts Annual Research Symposium is on Thursday from 9:25 until 4:00.
 - V. Groves-Scott stated that the College of Education will host their research symposium on Friday from 1:00 until 4:00. All are invited to attend. She recently attended a meeting of a subcommittee of the rules and regulations of the state in order to see make public comment on how the new rules for teacher licensure would affect teacher preparation programs in Arkansas.

She also stated that the college is receiving more 2+2 transfer students and there are fewer seats for math and science students in certain courses. The colleges are trying to plan for this as best as possible. There has been discussion of combining position requests with the College of Natural Science and Mathematics.

- P. Smith reported that the Honors College research day will be April 27 with 41 students presenting capstone projects.
Faculty members advising Honors theses are eligible to receive a \$300 travel stipend for each three theses they advise.
The schedule is complete for the Arkansas Governor's School selection committee's visit. She is currently assembling packets for the visitors. Athletics and Admissions have agreed to loan the use of their carts for the tour.
- A. Barlow reminded the Council that the SURF panel event will be this afternoon at 1 p.m. in the President's Dining Room.
As previously mentioned, Sponsored Programs has had a goal of developing a guide for grant writing on campus. They have completed a full menu of services provided for potential principal investigators. They are soliciting faculty feedback about the information and will then request the deans' feedback.
- J. Ishee stated that his college hosted their research day yesterday with 99 posters being presented.
On Thursday and Friday, the college is hosting REACH, an interprofessional education conference, with a speaker from the University of Kansas. There will be a reception at UCA Downtown tomorrow night.
- T. Wright reported that the College of Fine Arts and Communication is hosting research week events all week.
Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella will be performed at Reynolds Performance Hall tonight.
UCA's Wind Ensemble will be performing at Carnegie Hall next week.
- S. Addison stated that the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics' poster symposium is scheduled for Friday at the Farris Center.
The first candidate for the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts search will be on campus tomorrow.
He is receiving questions from students about applying for May 2019 graduation. There is no link on the website to apply for spring 2019 commencement.

6. Provost's Announcements

- Non-Classified employee evaluations are due to Human Resources by Friday, May 11.
- The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, April 25.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.