

Council of Deans

April 25, 2018

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2018. Provost Michael Hargis presided and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Ken Griffin, Peter Mehl, Victoria Groves-Scott, Patricia Smith, Kurt Boniecki, Jimmy Ishee, Gayle Seymour (in the absence of Terry Wright), and Stephen Addison.

1. The minutes from the April 18, 2018 meeting were discussed and approved.
2. M. Hargis provided the Council with an update on the AVP for International Engagement & Education search. Campus interviews will be conducted Thursday, May 3. Discussion followed.
3. M. Hargis discussed the Service Learning Awards event that was held on Monday evening. This is the first year that all six academic colleges participated and there were some impressive numbers highlighted at the event. This year, there were 59 faculty members, 124 courses, 69 community partners, and 2,307 students participating. This is something to celebrate and is only the beginning of the growth that we will see in Service Learning and Experiential Education on our campus.
4. Member Reports
 - S. Addison reported that the college had a successful poster session last Friday with around 80 projects presented.
The Girl Power in STEM event is scheduled for this Friday. The keynote speaker, Raye Montague, will address 8th grade students in the Farris Center.
The final candidate for the College of Liberal Arts Dean search will be on campus this Friday.
 - G. Seymour stated that the UCA Wind Ensemble traveled to Carnegie Hall this week. There, the students had an opportunity to perform with Joe Alessi, Principal Trombone of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.
The college will host its annual Spring Celebration today at 4:00, presenting awards to CFAC outstanding students.
 - J. Ishee stated that the CHBS end-of-year reception will be this Thursday afternoon. The ROTC Military Ball will be tomorrow night in the McCastlain Ballroom.
Today, CHBS is hosting a Move to Major event. Students moving to the major from the advising center have been invited to attend the event. Academic Advisors and faculty will be on hand to host roundtable discussions and answer any questions the students may have.
 - K. Boniecki inquired about the status of the conversations with the departments about potential participation in the G2C initiative. This will be an agenda item at next week's meeting.

- P. Smith reported that some faculty members may be receiving emails from the Honors College regarding Challenge Week events in the fall. They are hoping to increase participation opportunities with departments by reaching out earlier in the year.
- V. Groves-Scott announced that Na Mi Bang was the recipient of the AERA Distinguished Researcher Award.
She thanked the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences for sharing their list of students who were not accepted to the Physical Therapy or Occupational Therapy programs. The College of Education is contacting these students to discuss their option of entering the MAT in Special Education program.
The College of Education hosted their research symposium last Thursday from 1:00 until 4:00. There was good participation from both graduate and undergraduate students. There were regular presentations, poster presentations, and roundtable sessions with faculty members. It was a successful event that they plan to continue in the future.
The college hosted Partnership Café in the Student Center Ballroom last night. The discussion focused on internships and there were 50 attendees. The attendees included faculty, students, alumni, cooperating teachers, and school district administrators. They intend to use the feedback that they received when planning internships in the future.
The Teacher Pinning Ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 4, at Reynolds Performance Hall.
- P. Mehl stated that the College of Liberal Arts research symposium was last Thursday. They plan to have this event a week later next year.
The college will host their Honors Convocation this Sunday at 2:30. The event will recognize college ambassadors and outstanding students.
- K. Griffin reported that the College of Business Research Day was held last week. It was a successful event and hosted some very impressive student presentations.
The college is currently interviewing candidates for the Resident Master at Bear Hall position.
He recently hosted Dinner with the Dean at Bear Hall, giving a presentation on web bugs. It was a well-attended event where they discussed the ethics of web bugs.
- J. Glenn provided the Council with a list of items that will be on the upcoming Board agenda. They include the Cybersecurity program and the 2020/2021 academic calendar. Following approval by the Board of Trustees, the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board will consider the Cybersecurity program at, we expect, its meeting in July.

5. Provost's Announcements

- The next Council of Deans meeting will be Wednesday, May 2.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.