

1. Two-year course schedules

- Planning began in AY 2014-15 (presented and discussed in multiple venues and included in the goals presented to campus in August 2015 in the General Faculty Meeting.)
- Will allow students to plan ahead and to use the Planner tool in DegreeWorks.
- Will allow faculty and departments to strategically plan course rotations on a regular cycle. This is particularly important for required courses.
- Full two-year schedule will not be open for registration; it will be view only.
- Schedules can be modified in the future as needed

2. Graduation application

- Initial application due one year in advance
- Academic Advising Center (AAC) performs initial review with the student, unless the academic department opts to conduct the review
- Completed applications are submitted to Registrar's Office for final approval.
- Completed applications will be stored on a pool drive so that faculty advisors can review

3. Multiple advisor issue / advisor training

- Advisors in the AAC are assigned by college and are identified as specialty advisors for those students.
- The AAC advisors advise freshmen and sophomores for most departments. Some departments advise their own freshmen and sophomores.
- Two advisors in the AAC advise undeclared freshmen.
- The AAC advisors contact students via email to go to GradesFirst to make an appointment for an advising session prior to the opening of the registration period.
- If a student requests to change advisors, they are assigned a different advisor. Some request a faculty advisor; in this case, the AAC obtains approval from the faculty member prior to making the requested change.
- Juniors and seniors are advised in the academic departments
- Walk-in appointments to the AAC
 - Students see their specialty advisor, if available
 - If the specialty advisor not available, the student can meet with a different advisor; however, the advisor suggests that they follow up with their regular advisor.
 - If juniors and seniors have questions, the AAC answers general questions but refers the students to the faculty advisor for curriculum changes

4. Withdrawal policy
 - No changes to the policy at this time
 - Review of the course withdrawal policy will be referred to Undergraduate Council for review

5. Pulaski Tech University Center visit
 - The provost, members of the Council of Deans, several department chairs and the president of the Faculty Senate met with Pulaski Technical College administrators to discuss the logistics of creating a UCA University Center at Pulaski Tech. The group discussed possible degree programs to be offered at PTC. PTC is currently conducting a survey of students to identify these programs.
 - The offering of UCA programs through the PTC University Center will require HLC approval.
 - UCA will control the curriculum and faculty assignments and will receive all tuition and fee revenue which will be charged at the UCA rate.
 - The anticipated start date is spring 2017.

6. African American male retention and graduation discussions continue
 - The provost recently had meetings with Kaylon Bradford, SGA President Zac Carter and UCA graduate Dr. Barrett Petty to discuss this topic.
 - Will be meeting soon with Dr. Taine Duncan and faculty members in the African/African-American Studies program and UCA staff members who have expressed interest.
 - Success data on African American student athletes as requested at the February 9th Faculty Senate meeting:

University of Central Arkansas				
Full-time, First-time Undergraduates				
Fall 2008 Cohort				
	Total Cohort		Athletes	
Race/ Ethnicity	Cohort	Graduation Rate*	Cohort	Graduation Rate*
Black	374	29%	22	82%
*Six-year graduation rate.				
<i>Source: Office of Institutional Research</i>				

7. 12-month pay
 - Human resources had indicated that 12-month pay for 10-month and 11-month faculty will not be a problem.

8. Faculty/staff across from Thompson Hall
 - The provost spoke with UCA Police Chief Larry James and the request should be submitted to the Parking and Traffic Committee.

9. Online student parking citations

- The provost spoke with the UCA Police Department. A student that only takes fully online courses can go to the police department to obtain up to five free one-day parking passes. If more parking is needed, the student will need to obtain a parking permit, and the access and security fee will be charged to the student's account.

10. Academic Year 2016-2017 calendar

- Nine-month period for faculty will begin on August 15th rather than the past practice of August 16th.
- Nine-month faculty that elect to receive their salary over a nine-month period will continue to be paid equally over 18 pay dates beginning with August 31st and ending with May 15th.

11. Other Announcements:

- Memorial for Charlotte Fant is being held today at x-period in Doyne Auditorium
- A follow-up conference call with Apple Education representatives will be held this afternoon regarding the purchase/lease of iPad-minis for students in the College of Education.
- The provost will speak to Patricia Smith's Higher Education Finance course students on the topic of tenure protection during a financial crisis, Tuesday, March 1st at 2:40pm.
- The provost recently attended meetings of the ADHE Concurrent Credit Advisory Committee meeting and the ADHE Student Success Innovations Taskforce.
- Meetings with department faculty in CHBS and CNSM began this week. The provost met with the Department of Physics this past Tuesday and will meet with the Department of Biology next Wednesday.
- The AR STEM Coalition regional meeting is being held on campus today.
- All risk assessment meetings with Internal Audit for units within academic affairs are complete.