

Council of Deans April 24, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Steve Runge presided and following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Laura Young, Steve Addison, Rollin Potter, Neil Hattlestad, Elaine McNiece, Kurt Boniecki, Diana Pounder, Maurice Lee, Michael Hargis, Art Gillaspay. Members absent: Mike Casey and Wendy Castro

Guest: Jane Ann Williams

Williams distributed materials on current Study Abroad programs. UCA has executed three MOUs with institutions in the United Kingdom and Argentina. Williams would like to develop more exchange programs to increase faculty and student involvement. Runge suggested she tie learning outcomes to specific programs of study.

A motion was made by McNiece to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2013 COD meeting. Pounder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes were approved as amended by Boniecki.

Minutes were distributed from the April 16, 2013 Undergraduate Council Meeting. Boniecki moved for approval to change the Biology Department's AP credit policy. Credit will be awarded for BIOL 1440 for an AP score of 4 or above. Credit will be awarded for BIOL 1441 for an AP score of 5. Addison seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Glenn moved to table the item. Will UCA consider awarding credit for BIOL 1400 for an AP score of 3 or above? Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to table the item. Boniecki moved for approval to change the credit hour value and to change the name of the following courses: (1) Math 4414 Integrated Mathematics and Science to Math 4314 Applications of Middle Level Mathematics (2) SCI 3420 to SCI 3320 and (3) SCI 4414 Concepts of Mathematics and Science to SCI 4314 Applications of Middle Level Science. Addison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved for approval of two new transfer courses CHIN 3398 Travel Seminar in China and CHIN 3340 Advanced Chinese Conversation Abroad. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved for approval of six new NURS series courses (3101, 3130, 3230, 4101, 4140, 4240), two new online NURS supplementation courses (4250, 4255) and one NURS capstone course (4430). Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved for approval of decreasing the nursing prerequisite courses to meet Act 747 – current requirement is 131, the new requirement will be 120. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved for approval of adding a provision to the description of the lower division UCA core in the Undergraduate Bulletin issue for AY 2013-2014. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously with amended change to the description (insert "before entering UCA" after each '35-hour State Minimum Core curriculum').

Minutes were distributed from the April 18, 2013 Graduate Council meeting. McNiece moved for approval of a new course -with the condition of submitting a list of references- BIOL 5412 Organisms in Extreme Environments. Addison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved

for approval of a new course SPAN 6397 Topics in Advanced Spanish Linguistics. Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval of three new MBA courses: MBA 5332 Investments, MBA 5376 Entrepreneurial and Small Business Finance and MBA 5345 Governance of Sustainable Organizations with the condition of rewording course learning objectives. Hargis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval of changes in program course requirements for School Psychology. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval to combine current programs in community counseling and counseling psychology into one program with new name Mental Health Counseling. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval of change in grading policy for the MS in Mental Health Counseling. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval to accept the Chinese National Postgraduate Entrance Exam to meet the admission requirement for the MBA program. Hargis seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval of a change in the Doctorate of Nursing Practice entrance requirement. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. McNiece moved for approval to remove the admission requirement of undergraduate statistics course for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice. Hattlestad seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Hattlestad distributed the New Criteria for HLC Accreditation. Lee mentioned the new pathways for assessment reporting; however, we are locked into the standard pathway until 2017. Pounder stated we should focus on student outcomes – the COE has to complete 68 different assessments. Glenn pointed out the importance of assessment – it’s good for UCA- we don’t do it because it’s required for HLC and we should do more than what is required, otherwise it’s just mediocre. Runge requested this discussion wait until Castro can attend the next COD meeting.

Young issued copies of equity allocations by college.

Runge asked Boniecki to report back on the ACT scores for the Fall 2013 admits.

Announcements

Runge: (1) distributed a report on national salaries from CUPA-HR (2) mentioned the need to adopt a standard to use each year to determine equity adjustments – will need to factor in regression weights as we fix the inequities in salaries, the regression data will become stronger (3) mentioned Charlotte Strickland has developed an on-line training tool for student workers “BOLT” – Bears On Line Trainig (4) announced background checks rolling out for all new employees and summer camp staff that work with minors (5) announced a second video promotion contest headed up by the President’s office – we need to get the word out to the students (6) mentioned the next COD meeting will be May 8, the retreat is May 13 & 14 at Mather Lodge (7) asked deans to develop a list of challenges and problems the university will face in the next five years (8) announced Night of Distinction this Saturday, Board Meeting May 3, Commencement May 4 (9) announced preparation of the RFP for the LSC engineering plan (10) announced the next visit from BOT Member Kay Hinkle is scheduled for June 12 and (11) announced the Revenue Stabilization Act is flat, the General Improvement Fund is issuing \$3.7 million to UCA as one time money only.

Dean Reports

Glenn mentioned the need to speak up 'institution to institution' when we receive notification on master's and doctorate programs being developed at other colleges and universities in Arkansas.

Lee distributed an article from the Chronicle on diversity. Announced the CLA end of year reception is tomorrow at the Conway Country Club. Also, the first annual CLA Undergraduate Research Symposium is tomorrow.

Boniecki mentioned the IDC Award reception today at 1:30 pm

Runge asked for McNiece's replacement on the SBAC. Pounder volunteered, Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Addison shared news of using Google Hangouts to provide seminars and presentations to the campus. CNSM students have been able to hear speakers from NASA.

Young announced capital equipment requests would be issued later today.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

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