Council of Deans

October 16, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Art Gillaspy, Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Gary McCullough, Diana Pounder, Terry Wright, and Laura Young. Wendy Lucas was absent.

1. Glenn gave a report on Higher Learning Commission and shared a PowerPoint presentation regarding the HLC and the upcoming team visit. Discussion followed.

2. Vicki Parish was invited to the meeting to speak about online assurance of academic integrity. She distributed a sheet of information about products we currently use to ensure the identity of students taking online courses. Parish also provided information regarding additional products that have different methods of ensuring identification.

3. The COD minutes of October 2 were approved as circulated.

4. Boniecki described past procedures for the nomination of a U.S. Professor of the Year. Discussion turned to how to make the nomination process more formal with input from a faculty committee.

5. Young spoke to a concern regarding extension requests by students who are taking extended study courses. Following discussion, Pounder moved that the university eliminate the extension for these courses. Boniecki seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Provost’s Announcements:

a. Two mandatory training sessions have been added: Title IX and Child

Maltreatment. All mandatory training will have on-line seminar

availability.

b. Background checks for new employees

c. Benefits Fair next Tuesday

d. Visit with Shelia Vaught

e. Federal shutdown effects on UCA employees

f. Architect meetings

g. Review of AVID week

h. Chronicle Diversity issue deadline achievable

i. Access for students in academic spaces

7. Member Reports

Addison shared information about architect visits regarding lab facilities and issues with Lewis Science Center.

Wright announced that the February appearance of Neil deGrasse Tyson is already sold out.

Gillaspy reported on several upcoming accreditation visits. He asked for other deans’ input regarding promotion and tenure issues. Brief discussion followed.

McCullough announced a fund raising event for Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre

Boniecki reminded deans of deadlines for International Baccalaureate credit information. He also reported that the job ad has been posted for Director of University College.

Lee shared information: (1) Association of Asian Studies annual meeting; (2) EDGE Residential College opening of the courtyard labyrinth; (3) Arkansas Supreme Court Chief Justice met with a political science class during AVID week; (4) short story conference in Vienna.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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