

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:02 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Diana Pounder, Gary McCullough, Art Gillaspay, Terry Wright, Steve Addison, Jonathan Glenn, Wendy Lucas, Kurt Boniecki, and Laura Young.

1. The COD minutes of January 27th, 2014, were approved. W. Lucas abstained.
2. The Graduate Council actions of January 16, 2014 were presented by G. McCullough. The proposed credit hour value change for CSD 6443 and credit hour value change/course title change for CSD 6244, were unanimously approved. A recommendation to eliminate the portfolio and comprehensive examination requirement from the Master of Science in Nursing program was presented, and a motion was made and seconded to approve. Discussion followed. A motion to table was passed.
3. S. Runge informed Council members that he, L. Young, Laura Garner, and Becky Raznick met with representatives of the Greenbrier School District regarding re-establishing the university's concurrent enrollment partnership with the school district. The UCA team emphasized that concurrent courses must be UCA courses regarding content, rigor, and form of instruction and student assessment. The evaluation, of whether specific concurrent courses will be offered, will be performed at the departmental and college level. Greenbrier agreed to collaborate with UCA on these matters. Also discussed was the desire of both Greenbrier and Conway public schools to offer enough college credit courses that a student could graduate high school with an Associate Degree. We agreed to explore this possibility. Discussion followed.
4. S. Runge asked W. Lucas to speak on the previously discussed proposal to change the name of Study Abroad to Education abroad. W. Lucas spoke on how and why the name change was proposed. Discussion followed. Council members agreed that the consensus is to leave the title unchanged.
5. K. Bonieck spoke on the issue of classes being scheduled during x-period. A handout listing classes scheduled during x-period, for this term and the fall 2014 term, was provided. Scheduling during x-period is allowed if absolutely necessary but to be avoided if possible. Discussion followed.
6. Provost's Announcements
  - a. Brad Lacy and Victor Green are the UCA Board Members assigned to Academic Affairs this year. Meetings with Board Members assigned to this unit have historically been very productive.
  - b. The Chief Technology Officer Search Committee is considering the original candidate pool. They will speak with two candidates this week. Discussion followed.
  - c. The Council of Deans lunch was canceled today because the Graduate School Dean candidate's flight was canceled. The candidate's visit will be rescheduled.

- d. The deadline for Faculty Excellence Award nominations is February 24, 2014. The awards ceremony will be April 10, 2014 at x-period. The President's office has assumed the role of coordinating the event.
- e. The STEM Board meeting will be this Thursday on campus.
- f. There was another meeting on Winter Break housing, which took place yesterday. Discussion followed.
- g. Last week, S. Runge, Jeff Pitchford, and Ron Patterson met with Ted Kalthoff of ASU Beebe regarding transfer articulation. The meeting went well. Discussion followed.
- h. The Campus talk will be this Thursday at X-period.
- i. Applicant tracking training will be February 27, 2014. The times are listed on the agenda in the email that went out.
- j. There will be a Board meeting next Friday, February 21, 2014. There will be a long agenda, including the academic calendar, science building funding, and room and board rates. The May board meeting has been pushed back to May 30<sup>th</sup>. Discussion followed.
- k. There is a Biology student going to India for research on tiger vocalization. S. Addison will provide more information on this at a later time.
- l. There was a Faculty Senate meeting yesterday. A part-time faculty senator made a strong case for social security matching for part-time faculty. Discussion followed.

## 7. Member reports

- a. J. Glenn provided the group a hand-out on guaranteed 8-semester degree completion. Discussion followed. A hand-out was also provided on the centralized space management system. Discussion followed.
- b. M. Lee stated that several candidates for the CHBS Dean position have been approved and are coming to campus for a visit over the next four weeks.
- c. D. Pounder stated that three candidates will be coming to campus to interview for the CNSM Dean position. She also advised Council members that several changes are in store for the College of Education. GPA requirements for admission to the Teacher Education programs are going up from 2.5 to 2.7, effective fall 2014; internship placement regulations are changing, and the State is introducing a new accountability annual report that will report on candidate content & pedagogical knowledge, classroom performance skills, impact on k-12 student learning, etc.
- d. W. Lucas stated that Bear Facts Day scheduled for February 22<sup>nd</sup> has approximately 600 people signed up. Also, candidates for the Athletic Academic Advising position will be interviewing soon. Joanna Castner Post will be asking the General Education Committee to change a rule requiring math and science in the first year to possibly requiring they be taken during the first two years. Discussion followed.
- e. K. Boniecki stated that the Graduate School Dean Search Committee will have three candidates on campus; however, the first was postponed due to winter weather. Also, Department Chairs should have received sabbatical leave proposals which are due to the Deans by February 18<sup>th</sup>, and due to the Provost's office to K. Boniecki by February 25<sup>th</sup>.
- f. T. Wright stated that last night the Van Cliburn Piano Competition was at Reynolds. Miranda July will be here on Thursday. The College of Fine Arts and Communication has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Oxford American which has not been satisfied, so arrangements are being made to address this debt by scheduling a series of Arts Nights.

- g. S. Addison reported that the posters scheduled to be on display at the State Capitol this week have been rescheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> due to winter weather.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

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