Council of Deans May 8, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 am on Wednesday, May 8, 2013. Steve Runge presided and the following members were in session: Jonathan Glenn, Kurt Boniecki, Elaine McNiece, Diana Pounder, Wendy Castro, Neil Hattlestad, Maurice Lee, Steve Addison, Rollin Potter, Laura Young, Art Gillaspy, Gary McCullough. Ken Griffin represented Mike Casey and Michael Hargis.

A motion was made by Pounder to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2013 COD meeting. McNiece seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Minutes were approved as amended by Young and McNiece.

Boniecki distributed CLEP scores from other 4 year institutions in Arkansas. The Undergraduate Council had recommended issuing six credit hours for CLEP scores of 50 for WRTG 1310 and 60 for WRTG 1310 and/or 1320. This item had been previously tabled by the Council of Deans. Glenn moved to remove the item from the table. McNiece seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Boniecki moved for approval to change the CLEP rule for first year writing. Potter seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed, 13 in favor, 1 opposed. Runge asked Deans to re-evaluate the rationale for all existing CLEP scores from their colleges.

Runge issued a draft of the agenda for the Deans Retreat on May 13 & 14. Also issued were topics to discuss at future COD meetings. Runge mentioned that since KPIs for the university as a whole have been approved by the Board, it's time to start drilling down on KPIs at the college and department level.

Runge issued a proposed organizational chart for Academic Affairs which incorporates units from Enrollment Management. Discussion followed.

Pounder stated concerns about redundant report data requested from various constituencies both inside and outside the university. Pounder is concerned about the burden of adding more administrative tasks to an already exhausted faculty and staff. Discussion followed.

Announcements:

Runge announced: (1) beginning Fall 2013/Spring 2014, the \$750 Supplemental Challenge Scholarship for every entering freshman who also qualifies for the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship. The scholarship would be a one-time award, split in half for each semester (one cohort. one year only).

Dean Reports

Castro reminded Deans of the May 31st deadline for assessment plans.

Glenn mentioned his plans to attend the CCA GPS Policy Institute in June.

Pounder expressed the need for a more systematic method of replacing positions.

Hattlestad announced that the HLC report Team is writing a focused visit report that is due to the HLC on or before September 16, 2013. The length of the report is limited to 100 pages.

Potter announced that Amanda Holstead has been hired as the Director for Reynolds Performance Hall. The Reynolds Event Schedule for 2013-2014 was unveiled last night.

Addison announced Pulaski Tech's new "College Center" and the opportunity for UCA to offer classes on their campus. Deans suggested that we invite their students to the Undergraduate Research Symposiums next year.

Meeting adjourned 12:13 pm

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