

Council of Deans
10/30/2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Steve Addison, Kurt Boniecki, Art Gillaspay, Jonathan Glenn, Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Wendy Lucas, Gary McCullough, Diana Pounder, Terry Wright, and Laura Young.

1. The COD minutes of October 23, 2013 were approved as circulated.
2. G. McCullough presented the Graduate Council minutes of October 22, 2013. Following discussion, all action items were approved unanimously. J. Glenn recommended that all Graduate Council supporting documents be provided to COD members at least one week in advance of meeting to allow time for review.
3. S. Runge provided an update on the upcoming HLC visit. Discussion followed.
4. S. Runge shared information regarding Academic Affairs new funding requests provided to the SBAC. All funding requests could not be included, as requests exceed what can be funded and must be prioritized according to our mission and strategic plan.
5. W. Lucas followed up on questions and concerns previously expressed by the COD regarding the Study Abroad Program proposals. Discussion ensued and the final consensus was that all questions had been sufficiently answered. M. Lee will work with W. Lucas to put together a proposal for securing new funding.
6. S. Runge presented a document regarding space utilization on campus and opened discussion on the need for increasing the effectiveness in which space is utilized. A centralized room scheduling system was discussed. A small group will be formed to review this possibility and bring back to COD for further discussion.
7. Provost's Announcements
 - a. Last week's meeting with Higher Ed Coordinating Board went well. S. Runge provided a summary of UCA's opposition to the addition of a PT program by UAMS. Ultimately, AHECB approved UAMS's request to add PT; however, AHECB allotted a lot of time listening to discussion and asking questions. S. Runge spoke briefly at AHECB. UCA's PT program is the longest running, largest PT program in the state and our graduates are of the highest quality. We have the capacity to meet the needs of the state. Nancy Reese did an exemplary job of representing UCA and the PT program, making it clear that UCA had strong expertise at the table. Even though UCA's position did not prevail, we presented ourselves well and members of the Coordinating Board were very complimentary of our program, our expertise, and our professionalism.
 - b. Hank Henderson, CEO of CarMart, spoke on October 22, 2013, as part of the Davis Lecture Series.

- c. Judge Robin Wynn, Arkansas Court of Appeals and candidate for the Arkansas Supreme Court met last week with S. Runge, M. Hargis, and M. Lee.
- d. Bear Facts Day was held Saturday with 297 students in attendance.
- e. Info night was held in Batesville and El Dorado on Tuesday night, October 29, 2013.
- f. ABET and APA accreditation teams are on campus this week.
- g. Linda Tyler and Minnijean Brown-Trickey both spoke on campus and Lecia Brooks will speak this week as part of the Honors College Challenge Week.
- h. Taggart Architects will be on campus today to meet regarding the Nursing/CSD building plans.
- i. Student Accounts sent out the list of student withdrawals due to non-payment. Students may not be permitted to attend class until payment or payment arrangements have been made.

8. Member Reports

- a. A. Gillaspay announced that the College Professional Education forum was held yesterday, and also stated that proposals for Minors in Sports Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience are forthcoming.
- b. T. Wright stated that the Department of Music is preparing for the President's Investiture, scheduled for November 20, 2013, at 2 p.m. in the Reynolds Performance Hall.
- c. K. Boniecki explained that more work is needed with regard to the International Baccalaureate proposals before they are introduced to the COD.
- d. W. Lucas stated that the next info night is scheduled for November 9, 2013, in Jonesboro and the next Bear Facts Day will be held on November 16, 2013.
- e. L. Young reported that she and Lori Hudspeth will be working on calculation of possible additional M & O distributions to the departments based on summer session net revenue. One-half of the amount distributed last year has already been distributed to the colleges.
- f. S. Runge reported that the Provost's office will fund additional student research funds and will provide more information soon.
- g. S. Runge reminded everyone that Dean and CTO searches are ongoing.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

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