

Council of Deans
January 10, 2013

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 10, 2013. Steve Runge presided, and the following members were present: Laura Young, Jonathan Glenn, Kurt Boniecki, Elaine McNiece, Mike Casey, Diana Pounder, Neil Hattlestad, and Maurice Lee. Ginny Adams represented Steve Addison and Jeff Young represented Rollin Potter.

Runge reported that the General Education Recommendation passed the General Education Council. Casey made a motion to approve, and Hattlestad seconded. Glenn explained the difference between course assessment and program assessment. Runge has created a timeline with benchmarks that must be completed in time for fall scheduling. Academic advisors will be asked to encourage students to take the new program, although they can choose the old program if they came in under an older catalog. There will be a multi-year period where the old program will need to be available. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously. Hattlestad pointed out that this is an historic event.

Boniecki shared a report from Patty Phelps which outlined action steps to help departments develop their own peer review.

Runge shared information regarding the Faculty Handbook Retreat. He said they are making good progress toward the handbook revision and plan to have it ready for the May Board of Trustees meeting.

Boniecki discussed membership of a Strategic Planning Committee taskforce he has been asked to chair.

Casey shared a discrepancy in the number of hours for associate degree transfer. Discussion followed.

Glenn distributed a timeline for the Undergraduate and Graduate Bulletins, which will be issued annually.

Announcements

Runge: (1) reminded deans to develop a list of replacements by May 1 and submit requests for Fall 2013 by April 1 including conversions that will be converted at the same salary rate; (2) mentioned the open application period for Foundation Scholarships for new and continuing students; (3) announced the summer schedule is available; (4) charged deans to reviewing the budget packets for the remainder of this year and plan for next year and send to Young by January 25; (5) stated that he has proposed a handbook revision for Chapter 3 to align the P&T and Advancement dates and to change the date when the application portfolios are due to the provost from December 15 to January 15.

Dean Reports

Casey announced a fundraiser on April 9 sponsored by Centennial Bank. Shared information about an initiative that the U of A is proposing.

Boniecki stated we will have a webinar on January 22 on MOOCs to explore the potential implications for UCA. Runge mentioned we may want to offer courses to high school seniors that may be especially good for recruiting purposes.

Young (1) informed the deans that graduation banners will be replaced; (2) said that Kristy Carter will be meeting with each dean to help with marketing efforts; (3) announced that Jane Ann Williams and Casey are working on a MBA agreement with Chinese students; (4) stated that Jane Ann and Michael Rubach are going to India in June to recruit.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am

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