

Council of Deans
4/9/2014

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 8:10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. Steve Runge presided and the following members were present: Michael Hargis, Diana Pounder, Gary McCullough, Art Gillaspay, Terry Wright, Steve Addison, Jonathan Glenn, Kurt Boniecki, Laura Young, Maurice Lee and Wendy Lucas.

1. G. McCullough provided information on Graduate Council recommendations. The Graduate Council actions of January 16, 2014, and February 20, 2014, were discussed and approved.
2. K. Boniecki provided information on Undergraduate Council recommendations. The Undergraduate Council actions of March 18, 2014, were discussed and approved
3. K. Boniecki provided information on UCA Upper Division Core proposals, and discussion followed. The General Education Council actions of February 20, 2014, were approved.
4. S. Runge provided Council members with an overview of the recruiting trip to Brazil and Argentina, and he provided a handout summarizing the trip's daily agenda, goals and achievements. Jane Ann Williams, Director of International Engagement, Laura Bersano, International Relations and Partnerships Specialist for Latin America, and Laura Young, Associate Provost for Finance and Administration, took part in this recruiting trip. Discussion followed.
5. A. Gillaspay revisited the Graduate Council's recommendation of approval for the Master of Science in Nursing program to discontinue the use of a comprehensive exam and instead conduct assessment within the Capstone. The motion to accept this recommendation had been previously tabled by the Council of Deans. He responded to the Council of Deans request for more information and advised that as requested by the Council, the change is included within the program's continuous improvement plan. Discussion followed, and Council members voted unanimously to approve the Graduate Council's recommendation.
6. S. Runge advised Council members that there will soon be a call for capital equipment requests. Discussion followed.
7. Provost's announcements:
 - a. The College of Health and Behavioral Sciences Dean Search Committee provided S. Runge with its recommendation, and he has begun negotiations with the candidate. An update will soon be provided.
 - b. A decision is forthcoming in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Dean position.

- c. The AR State Science fair was attended by a large crowd on Friday. It was a successful event, and the university learned that Southwestern Energy made a commitment to Science Fair of \$150,000 for the next five years.
- d. S. Runge and K. Boniecki met with University College faculty on Monday to discuss faculty concerns with regard to the future of University College. Faculty were assured that University College is not going to be eliminated.
- e. The university held Bear Essentials Day, this past Saturday, for Juniors. Students were given the opportunity to take the ACT profile exam, and see what career paths they might be interested in.
- f. An official drop list came out on March 16, 2014. S. Runge asked Council members if they were aware of any problems involving students continuing to attend class after being dropped due to non-payment. Council members said they were not aware of any problems.
- g. There will be a Campus Talk at 10:00 a.m. this morning in the Student Center.
- h. The Governor's Cup lunch will be today, at 11:30 a.m., at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock.
- i. T. Wright and S. Runge will be attending a meeting today to discuss the Reynold's budget. It is currently unclear what budget ramifications will result from the reorganization.
- j. The Nationally Competitive Awards Workshop will take place on Thursday. Other schools in the state have done a good job of receiving highly competitive awards, but UCA faculty have not been as successful. Deans are asked to encourage faculty to attend this workshop.
- k. The annual HLC conference will be held in Chicago this Friday through Monday. S. Runge, J. Glenn, and K. Boniecki will attend; and J. Glenn and S. Runge will meet with UCA's HLC liaison on Saturday. S. Runge will meet with Arkansas' two-year CAO's on Sunday.
- l. SBAC budget request allocations were discussed. Specifics regarding approved allocations will be known following the May 30, 2014 meeting of the Board of Trustees.
- m. The weekly admissions report has been revised so that the data is more easily interpreted. Some discussion followed.

8. Member reports:

- a. M. Hargis stated that the Fourth Annual Bar Camp will be held on Saturday in the College of Business. Also, on April 15th, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program students are helping with a BuzzBash event on the College of Business lawn.
- b. M. Lee stated that the Exploring our World Series is not a College of Liberal Arts series but instead is for all colleges. Information regarding the event is on the UCA website. Money received for this pays for refreshments and miscellaneous items the speakers may need. Interested faculty should be encouraged to participate.
- c. W. Lucas stated that 94 students attended Bear Necessities Day. A representative from ACT came to administer the ACT profile exam. Summer registration appointments currently include 597 advanced registration appointments and 404 students signed up for SOAR. The university is up 154 admitted students making summer registration appointments. She also advised Council members that a Cabot High School student, who earned a perfect score on the ACT, is giving serious consideration to attending UCA.
- d. K. Boniecki encouraged Deans to talk to faculty about attending the UCA Faculty Retreat scheduled for May 6th and 7th at Ferncliff in Little Rock. Information can be found on the IDC website. Food is included and there will be discussions on engaging topics focused at improving teaching effectiveness. Invitations were distributed for the Recognition of Achievement reception on April 23rd at 2:00 p.m. in the McAlister Hall Mirror Room. He also informed Council members that an orientation for part-time faculty, entitled "Adjunct Academy," is being developed. It will take place the week before classes start in the fall. Deans are asked to request from Chairs an estimate of how many new part-time faculty they will have in the fall and also when the best time of day might be to hold this orientation.
- e. A. Gillaspay informed Deans that the School Psychology Ph.D. program recently received a seven-year accreditation, which is the longest term of accreditation that can be received. The AR Symposium for Psychology Students will be held Saturday in Mashburn Hall, and 120 students will be coming to present their research. On April 22, 2014, the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences will host a research poster session in the Student Center Ballroom. Two-hundred students are planning to display their posters. Dr. Jackie Rainey and Dr. Rhonda McClellan are in discussion with the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission regarding a possible program evaluation contract for \$150,000 - \$175,000. This would be an interdisciplinary contract. Dr. Gillaspay also announced that he has a doctoral student who won a

graduate research competition at the Southwest Psychology Association Awards, and all of the research competitions were won by UCA students.

f. T. Wright announced that the Vortex, a UCA literary magazine, recently won a number of statewide major awards. He also announced that he attended the Porter Prize dinner at the Governor's mansion; and the university was presented with a \$4,000 prize, for up to four years, for graduate students in the MFA Creative Writing Program. "An Evening with Chick Corea and Bela Flick" will be held at Reynolds Performance Hall on April 22, 2014. The event is sold out.

g. S. Addison advised Council members that while the AR State Science Fair is not a UCA event, it might be a good idea to make each college's brochures available for participants and their families. Some discussion followed. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics Student Research Symposium will be held next Friday afternoon in the McCastlain Ballroom. The Arkansas Academy of Sciences annual meeting was last weekend. UCA won at least one award.

h. L. Young told Council members that Lori Hudspeth, from the Provost's office, is a finalist for the UCA Employee of the Year award. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday afternoon.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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