

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 8:03 a.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 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. Jane Ann Williams, Director of International Engagement, was present for agenda item #2.

1. S. Runge announced that Dr. Wendy Lucas, Associate Provost for Assessment and Enrollment Management, was chosen to be the new Chair of the Department of History in the College of Liberal Arts. This is a great opportunity for Dr. Lucas; however, it will require a replacement for her duties as Associate Provost within Academic Affairs.
2. The COD minutes of February 19, 2014, were unanimously approved.
3. S. Runge asked Jane Ann Williams to provide Council members with an overview of next week's Leaders of the World event. Ms. Williams explained that the event was put together to create a network of relationships with universities and government leaders from around the world, which work together to develop international education programs. A program for the week-long event was provided, and Ms. Williams provided a summary of the different events in which Council members may wish to participate. Discussion followed.
4. S. Runge informed Council members that UCA is currently moving forward towards a Memorandum of Understanding with the KIPP Academy. The KIPP Academy will build in recruiting opportunities for UCA, in exchange for support of their graduates as they continue their studies at UCA. UCA is currently the number one recipient of KIPP graduates, and this is an opportunity to build on this further. A handout was provided to Council members, which shows what the KIPP Academy has requested that UCA do, and states which requests UCA will be capable to honoring. Discussion followed.
5. S. Runge discussed the Credit When It Is Due (CWID) program. This is a pilot program funded at the state level that looks for students who have earned enough credit hours to have an associate's degree, however, who have never been awarded the degree. J. Glenn stated that thus far, one UCA student has been identified as qualifying and has been awarded the degree. Discussion followed.
6. S. Runge informed Council members that tremendous progress has been made in implementing Degree Works. It is available live now for advisors and faculty and is expected to be available live for undergraduate students on March 17, 2014. Additionally, it should go live for graduate students in the fall semester. Discussion followed.

7. W. Lucas provided a sample of the newly developed UCA Visitors Guide & Business Directory. This is an improved version that will compare favorably with similar items being provided by other schools. Discussion followed.
8. K. Boniecki presented the action items from the February 18, 2014, meeting of the Undergraduate Council. The Council of Deans approved all items unanimously. Also, K. Boniecki informed Council members that the Undergraduate Council is concerned about oversight of electronic course delivery. Discussion followed.
9. D. Pounder requested the Council take a look at the challenges presented by limited email capacity. S. Runge acknowledged that GroupWise storage capacity has become problematic for some, in addition to issues with remote access. He noted that the new CTO, plans to examine this matter. Discussion followed.

10. Provost's Announcements

- a. Chris Davis has accepted the position of Chief Technology Officer at UCA and will begin work on June 1, 2014.
- b. An email has been circulated requesting that faculty consider serving as HLC Consultant Evaluators. Council members were asked to let S. Runge know if they are interested in serving in this capacity.
- c. The Veteran's Education Compliance visit will take place March 3rd-5th. A self audit has been conducted, and UCA is very prepared for this audit.
- d. Bear Facts Day was held on Saturday, February 22, 2014. 409 students attended and 106 applications were received.

11. Member reports

- a. M. Lee stated that CHBS Dean candidate Jimmy Ishee will be on campus next week. There will be a Council of Deans lunch with Dr. Ishee on Tuesday, in Burdick 222.
- b. D. Pounder informed Council members that the new fire marshal visited Mashburn Hall recently and may be visiting them soon.
- c. W. Lucas provided a handout to Deans which showed programs for which assessment plans have been received. Deans were asked to assist in getting plans submitted for the programs that were still outstanding.

- d. K. Boniecki announced that Graduate Dean candidate, Dr. Marie Hoepfl, will be on campus on Wednesday, March 5th. Today, University College Director candidate, Rashonda Johnson, will visit campus for interviews.
- e. G. McCullough reported that the Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre fundraiser will be a week from Friday, at the Junior League building in Little Rock.
- f. T. Wright stated that Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse Tyson will be here tomorrow night. Tickets for the event are sold out. Also, the Haifa Symphony Orchestra will be here on Monday night.
- g. S. Addison reported that he presented Monday on the “State of Computer Science in Education” at the Arkansas Commission for the Coordination of Educational Efforts Technology hearing in Little Rock.

The meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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