

Council of Deans  
3/12/2014

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 8:31 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 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, and Laura Young. Maurice Lee and Wendy Lucas were absent. Peter Mehl, Associate Dean for the College of Liberal Arts, represented Maurice Lee. Victor Green, UCA Board Trustee, attended as a Board representative for Academic Affairs.

1. The COD minutes of February 26, 2014, were unanimously approved.
2. S. Runge stated that Deans should consider vacancies within their respective colleges and generate their lists of position requests for fall 2014 faculty searches. The deadline to submit the requests to the Office of the Provost is April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Discussion followed.
3. S. Runge provided clarification of the timeline for the Faculty Senate to review proposed revisions to the Faculty Handbook, as proposed by the Faculty Handbook Committee. The Faculty Handbook Committee will vote to recommend the proposed revisions at its March 14, 2014 meeting, and Senators will then be able to consider the proposed revisions. The Faculty Senate will vote on the proposed revisions at the April 24, 2014 meeting. Discussion followed.
4. S. Runge provided a handout of Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) listed by college. Discussion followed, and it was decided that changes to the list were needed. Only undergraduate data is reported for "SSCH taught by full-time faculty." D. Pounder requested that the same information be reported for graduate SSCH. S. Runge stated that he will request an updated document from Amber Hall, Director of Institutional Research.
5. K. Boniecki stated that it is time to nominate a faculty member for the U.S. Professors of the Year Award. As previously decided, the university will nominate the previous year's winner of the Teaching Excellence Award. All agreed that Doug Corbitt, 2013 Teaching Excellence Award winner, will be nominated.
6. Provost's Announcements
  - a. Bear Facts Day was held on Saturday, March 8, 2014. 253 students attended and 38 applications were received.
  - b. Dr. Stephane Bellar has verbally accepted the Graduate Dean position. Her home department will be the Department of Political Science.

7. Member reports

- a. S. Addison stated that he interviewed 17 faculty members for the Cyber Discovery team. Also, last Friday, CNSM posters were on display at the State Capitol. The event was well attended.
- b. S. Runge provided an update on the prognosis of Joanna Caster Post, Director of the UCA Core, who is currently hospitalized.

Victor Green joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

8. Council members each provided an overview to Victor Green on their respective colleges, and/or divisions, and/or roles. Discussion followed.

Following the Council member presentations, Victor Green stated that academics is the “nuts and bolts” of the institution. Additionally, he understands that the Board of Trustees has charged the Council with a big task with regard to retention, and the expectations are high. He asked all Council members let him know, through the Provost, whether any of the expectations are unattainable.

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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