

Council of Deans
12/17/2014

The Council of Deans met in regular session at 8:02 a.m., on Wednesday December 17, 2014. S. Runge presided, and the following members were present: Jonathan Glenn, Diana Pounder, Kurt Boniecki, Stephanie Bellar, Terry Wright, Jimmy Ishee and Steve Addison. Michael Hargis, Maurice Lee, Jane Ann Williams and Laura Young were absent. Dr. Ken Griffin attended in the absence of M. Hargis, and Dr. Clay Arnold attended in the absence of M. Lee. Dr. Angela Webster Smith, Interim Associate Vice President for Institutional Diversity, and Dr. Graham Gillis, Director of Human Resources, were present for agenda item number one.

1. A. Webster-Smith provided an update on the ongoing initiatives of the Office of Institutional Diversity, including a summary of the recent 2014 Institute for Teaching and Mentoring of the Compact for Faculty Diversity conference and an overview of the office's Diverse Faculty Recruitment Partnership and Leadership Plan. Handouts were provided, and discussion followed.
2. The CoD minutes of December 10, 2014 were approved with revision by a vote of 6-0. D. Pounder, K. Griffin and C. Arnold abstained due having not been present at the December 10th meeting.
3. Action items of the December 9, 2014 meeting of the Undergraduate Council were considered. Action items were addressed as follows:

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course LING 4190/4290/4390, Exemplary Studies in Linguistics. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve the following changes to the BA Linguistics major and the Linguistics minor: Change course LING/WLAN 2350 from an elective to a requirement in the Linguistics major; Change course ENGL 4360 from a requirement to an elective in the Linguistics major; new course proposal LING 3310, Issues in English as a Second Language; change course WLAN 4315 from a requirement to an elective in the Linguistics major; change course LING 4320 from an elective to a requirement in the Linguistics major; addition of CSCI 3360 to the list of electives in Track Three of the Linguistics major; addition of CSCI 4370 to the list of electives in Track Three of the Linguistics major; deletion of elective courses CSD 3300, 3320 and 3321 from the Linguistics major; deletion of elective course ENGL 3315 from the Linguistics major; change course LING/WLAN 2350 from an elective to a requirement and reduce elective hours from 12 to 9 in the Linguistics minor; deletion of elective courses CSD 3300, 3320 and 3321 in the Linguistics minor; and deletion of elective course ENGL 3315 from the Linguistics minor. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed. K. Boniecki made a motion to table the motion, and T. Wright

seconded. The Council of Deans voted unanimously to table the motion pending the final determination of where Linguistics will reside.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course proposal WRTG 3378 and 3321. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve the following changes in Mass Communication and Theatre: new course proposal THEA 4300, Professional Issues and change the overall Mass Communication and change the overall major hour from 40 to 43 credit hours. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. T. Wright seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve new course proposal BIO 2410, Human Anatomy and Physiology II. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. S. Addison seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

Undergraduate Council recommendation to approve changing prerequisite courses for Nursing to BIOL 1410, Human Anatomy and Physiology I, and BIOL 2410 Human Anatomy and Physiology II. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the recommendation. J. Ishee seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

4. K. Boniecki provided council members with an overview of the new UCA Core rubrics. A summary document was distributed. Feedback on the draft rubrics was solicited from campus during the previous academic year, and the taskforce revised the rubrics and presented them to the UCA Core Council during the fall semester. Faculty will soon be asked to participate in round table discussions regarding how best to utilize the revised rubrics. Discussion followed, and council members expressed confidence in the revised rubrics. If any additional feedback is to be provided, council members are asked to provide the feedback to K. Boniecki by the end of the week and any changes will then be made during the spring semester. K. Boniecki made a motion to approve the revised rubrics. D. Pounder seconded the motion. More discussion followed, and the Council of Deans voted unanimously to approve the rubrics.
5. D. Pounder provided council members with information regarding Junior University which has been developed as a one-stop shop to advertise availability of the K-12 summer programs on campus. Information on all programs can be provided for free on the Outreach and Community Engagement website. For a fee, Outreach can also manage all registration services for the programs. Discussion followed.

6. D. Pounder led a discussion on teacher preparation program regulations. New federal regulations will require states to present a number of different forms of data by the year 2020, including: teacher preparation knowledge and skill data; employer survey data; and data on how graduate's K-12 students perform on standardized tests. Also, state legislation passed in 2007 requires that teacher preparation programs be audited every five years. Discussion followed.

7. Provost's Announcements:

- i. The open positions for the Director of Online Learning, Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services and the Dean of the College of Education will close on January 5, 2014. Review of applicants will begin at that time. The number of applications currently received is as follows: Director of Online Learning - 6 applicants; Director of Admissions and Enrollment Services – 20 applicants; and Dean of the College of Education – 15 applicants.
- ii. The Provost met with Shane Broadway, Tim Atkinson, Walter Burgess, Charisse Childers and Suzanne Mitchell last week to discuss STEM Center funding.
- iii. The Provost and S. Addison met with the President to discuss the Computer Science program.
- iv. Last week's meeting of the Board of Trustees went well. Sabbatical leave requests were approved by the Board. Discussion followed.
- v. Saturday's commencement ceremonies went well, and video streaming was available.
- vi. A video segment entitled "The State of UCA," will be coming out soon.

8. Member Reports:

- i. S. Addison stated that he attended a meeting at the Arkansas Department of Education to discuss Computer Science licensure. There is a push to require students to complete at least a minor in Computer Science in order to receive licensure. S. Addison will attend another meeting during the first week of January to discuss the testing mechanism for licensure.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m.